The 2012 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 voluntary program that aims to reduce emissions and foster the development of a clean and efficient freight supply chain.

Through the SmartWay Excellence Awards program, EPA recognizes leading shippers, logistics companies and freight carriers that are optimizing the environmental performance and efficiency of their freight operations, and serve as role models for other businesses to follow. This year we are recognizing 40 companies (seven shippers, one logistics company, three multimodal carriers and 29 truck carriers) with a 2012 SmartWay Excellence Award. This represents the top one percent of all SmartWay Partners.

The 2012 SmartWay award recipients have the distinction of being the first partners that EPA is recognizing for demonstrating superior performance using SmartWay’s second generation environmental assessment system for transportation supply chains. This enhanced system includes a new 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 comprehensive and detailed report on their company’s environmental performance and efficiency.

EPA identified the top 2012 SmartWay Excellence Awardees from among all shipper, logistics and trucking company businesses that participate in SmartWay, are partners in good standing, and that provided prior-year performance data to EPA using the enhanced SmartWay tools.

Nominees 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 2012, 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, more miles, more efficiently using effectively 100% SmartWay carrier partners.

Nominees in SmartWay’s freight carrier category were evaluated based on their efficiency and environmental performance in moving products and merchandise. In 2012, eligible carriers included large and medium-to-small companies that are partners in good standing within these key business sectors: truckload, less-than-truckload, refrigerated, package, specialized, tanker, flatbed, mixed, dray 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 ship more goods, more miles using less fuel and emitting fewer greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.
The 2012 SmartWay Excellence Awards 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 with high-performing SmartWay carriers. SmartWay shipper and logistics awardees also were selected based on achieving superior environmental and efficiency benchmarks among all other SmartWay partners. These performance benchmarks for shippers were derived through an assessment of the partner’s carbon dioxide (CO2), particulate matter (PM), and nitrogen oxide (Nox) emissions measured in grams per ton mile.

Within the shipper and logistics management categories, EPA proudly recognizes seven of its shipper and one of its logistics partners as recipients of a 2012 SmartWay Excellence Award. These shipper and logistics awards are congratulated for their achievements in choosing to work with high-performing SmartWay freight carriers and finding ways to move more goods, using less fuel and emitting fewer emissions. They are SmartWay’s top performing shipper partners and include large, medium and small shippers that move a broad range of products and merchandise.

### SmartWay Shipper Company Awardees

**Shipper Company Partners**

SmartWay’s 2012 large shipper awardees are moving goods more than 500 million miles annually and include Best Buy Company, HP and Lowe’s Companies Inc.

SmartWay’s 2012 mid-size shipper awardees are moving goods between 25 and 500 million miles and include IKEA Distribution Services, North America, SC Johnson and Son, Inc and Sears Logistics Services, Inc. SmartWay’s 2012 small shipper awardee is Foremost Farms USA, which moved goods less than 25 million miles.

### SmartWay Logistics Company Awardee

**Logistics Company Partner**

Sharp Freight Systems, Inc., SmartWay’s 2012 logistics management awardee, demonstrated superior performance and effectively moved 100% of all the goods it managed using only SmartWay carriers.
The 2012 SmartWay Excellence Awards for carriers honor partners that are moving goods efficiently, with the lowest levels of CO2, PM and NOx emissions reported among all other SmartWay partners. SmartWay awardees within the carrier category include companies that operate one or more of following ten fleet types: truckload, less-than-truckload, refrigerated, package, specialized, tanker, flatbed, mixed, dray and multimodal.

SmartWay carrier awardees were selected using environmental and efficiency benchmarks that included CO2, PM and NOx emissions measured in grams per ton mile. These benchmarks were unique to each of the ten fleets characterized by SmartWay.

Fleet size and impact were other factors considered. SmartWay’s 2012 carrier awardees 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 29 truck carriers as recipients of the 2012 SmartWay Excellence Award. These high-performing carriers are being recognized for their achievement in finding ways to move more goods, 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.

**Truck Load/Dry Van Carrier Fleet Awardees**

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 carrier awardees include Celadon Trucking Services, Inc., Heartland Express Inc. of Iowa, Knight Transportation, Inc., and Swift Transportation. Medium/small truckload carrier awardees include Dart Transit Company, Mesilla Valley Transportation, and Orlicks Inc.

Less than truckload (LTL) carriers collect cargo from different shippers and consolidate that cargo for multiple destinations on one vehicle. Large SmartWay LTL carrier awardees include New Century Transportation, Inc. and Walgreen Oshkosh Inc.; there is one medium/small SmartWay LTL carrier awardee, Polaris Transport Carriers Inc.
Mixed Carrier Fleet Awardees

Mixed SmartWay carriers are operating different fleet types, none of which represent 75% or more of the freight operations SmartWay uses to characterize fleets. Large SmartWay mixed fleet carrier awardees include May Trucking Company and Ruan Transportation Management Systems. Medium/small fleet mixed carrier awardees include Dibble Trucking, Inc. and Lake Enterprises Ltd.

Package Carrier Fleet Awardees

Package carriers deliver/pickup single or small groups of packages or “parcels” to businesses and residences. Large SmartWay package carrier awardees include FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. and Frito-Lay; there is one medium/small SmartWay package carrier awardee, Air Ground Xpress, Inc.

Refrigerated Carrier Fleet Awardees

Refrigerated carriers move trailers equipped with temperature controlled reefer units to keep freight at a constant temperature. Large SmartWay refrigerated truck carrier awardees include C.R. England, Inc., JBS Carriers, Inc. and Southern Refrigerated Transport, Inc. Medium/small refrigerated truck carrier awardees include Doug Andrus Distributing LLC, and Prime Inc.
Specialized Carrier Fleet Awardees

Specialized carriers move a range of goods and merchandise and include auto carriers, bulk carriers, household moving, hopper, livestock, heavy haul, garbage, and utility, among others. Lone Star Transportation, LLC. is a large SmartWay specialized carrier awardee, and Palletized Trucking Inc. is a medium/small SmartWay specialized carrier awardee.

Dray Carrier Fleet Awardees

Dray carriers operate at ports and railhead connections where freight is picked up and moved to another transfer facility or transport mode terminal. Duncan and Son Lines, Inc. is a large SmartWay dray carrier awardee, and Pacific 9 Transportation, Inc. is a medium/small SmartWay dray carrier awardee.

Tanker Carrier Fleet Awardees

Tank truck carriers haul liquid (petroleum, chemicals, gases, hazardous waste, etc.) or dry (dry food products, cement, plastic pellets) bulk commodities. Dupre’ Logistics, LLC is a large SmartWay tanker awardee, and Poland Spring Bottling is a medium/small SmartWay tanker carrier awardee.
**Flatbed Carrier Fleet Awardees**

Flatbed carriers use heavy duty trucks to move flatbed trailers that can carry a range of goods. Prime Inc. is a large SmartWay flatbed carrier awardee, and Jules Savard Inc. is a medium/small SmartWay flatbed carrier awardee.

**Multimodal Carrier Fleet Awardees**

Multimodal carriers move freight using a mix of truck, railcars and other transportation modes. Large SmartWay multimodal carrier awardees include J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc. and Schneider National, Inc.; there is one medium/small SmartWay multimodal carrier awardee, White Arrow, LLC.