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2014 Excellence Award Awardee Highlights

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The 2014 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, while serving as role models for other businesses to follow. This year we are recognizing 55 companies (seven shippers, four logistics companies, and 44 truck carriers) with a 2014 SmartWay Excellence Award. This represents about the top one percent of all SmartWay Partners.

The 2014 SmartWay awards 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 comprehensive and detailed report on their company's environmental performance and efficiency.

EPA identified the top 2014 SmartWay Excellence Awardees 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.

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 2014, 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.

Nominees in SmartWay's freight carrier category were evaluated based on their efficiency and environmental performance in moving products and merchandise. In 2014, 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, package, specialized, expedited, tanker, flatbed, mixed, dray, heavy haul, auto-carrier, moving 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 2014 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 fourteen fleet types: truckload, less-thantruckload, refrigerated, package, specialized, expedited, tanker, flatbed, mixed, dray, heavy haul, auto-carrier, moving 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 2014 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 42 truck carriers as recipients of the 2014 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.

Carrier Awardees

EPA selected these 4I SmartWay carrier and four multimodal awardees because they are the top environmental performers in their individual categories. EPA identified large and medium/small carriers with the best freight efficiency ratings in 13 fleet categories based on the selection criteria available here: SmartWay 2014 Awards Criteria (PDF) (2 pp, 656K, EPA-420-F-14-012, March 2014).

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: Gordon Trucking, Inc., Knight Transportation, Inc., PAM Transport, Inc., Roehl Transport, Inc., and Werner Enterprises.

Medium/Small truckload carrier awardees include: Cowan Systems, LLC, Mesilla Valley Transportation, Titanium Trucking Services Inc.(Canada), and Transport TFI 15 S.E.C., Gregoire (Canada).





Less Than Truck Load/Dry Van Carrier Fleet Awardees_

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: Frito-Lay.

Medium/Small SmartWay LTL carrier awardees include: Edwards Distribution Services, Inc. and Kaiser Permanente.



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 carrier awardees include: CRST Van Expedited, May Trucking Company, Ruan Transportation Management Systems, Inc. and TransX (Canada).

Medium/Small SmartWay mixed carrier awardees include: D. P. Curtis Trucking, Inc., Doug Andrus Distributing, H-E-B, and Lone Star Transportation, LLC.













Package Carrier Fleet Awardees.

Package carriers deliver and pickup single or small groups of packages or "parcels" to businesses and residences.

There is one large SmartWay package carrier awardee, FedEx Express.

Medium/Small SmartWay package carrier awardees include, DHL Express USA and Nonstop Couriers, Inc.







Refrigerated Carrier Fleet Awardees

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

Large SmartWay refrigerated truck carrier awardee is: **K&B Transportation, Inc.**

Small refrigerated truck carrier awardees include: Logistics Trans West Inc. (Canada), and Werner Enterprises.

Specialized Carrier Fleet Awardees.

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

The large SmartWay specialized carrier awardee is Modern Transportation Services, LLC, and Arlo G. Lott Trucking Inc. is a 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.

The large SmartWay dray carrier awardee is **Container Connection** and the small SmartWay dray carrier awardee is **RPM Harbor Services, Inc.**

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.

The large SmartWay tanker awardees are LTI, Inc., and Prime, Inc. and Vedder Transport Ltd. (Canada) is a small SmartWay tanker carrier awardee.















Flatbed Carrier Fleet Awardee.

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

The large SmartWay flatbed carrier awardee is McElroy Truck Lines, Inc. and the small flatbed carrier awardee is Arlo G. Lott Trucking Inc.



Multimodal Carrier Fleet Awardees

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

Large SmartWay multimodal carrier awardees include: Hub Group and J. B. Hunt Transport, Inc.

Medium/Small SmartWay multimodal carrier awardees include: ABF Freight System, Inc. and C. R. England, Inc.





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Auto Carrier Fleet Awardees.

Auto carriers haul automobiles and other light duty vehicles to dealerships from manufacturers on specialized auto carrier trailers.

The small SmartWay auto carrier awardee is **Thorsons Marketing Associates Canada Inc. (Canada)**.



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Expedited Carrier Fleet Awardee.

Expedited carriers deliver high value and time-sensitive single loads to businesses and are typically on stand-by.

The large SmartWay expedited carrier awardee is **MN Express Inc.** and the small SmartWay expedited carrier awardee is **Bella Transport Inc.**

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Moving Carrier Fleet Awardee

Moving carriers provide home and office moving activities and drive routes unique to each move.

The large SmartWay moving carrier awardee is **Stevens Worldwide Van Lines**, **Inc.**



Heavy/BulkCarrier Fleet Awardee_

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

The large SmartWay heavy/bulk carrier awardees are Contrans Group Inc. (Canada) and Sunbury Transport Ltd. (Canada).

The small SmartWay heavy/bulk carrier awardee is **TD Walker Inc**.





Recognition Ceremony

The annual SmartWay Excellence Award honors top truck and multi-modal carrier partners that are setting efficiency benchmarks in how they move products and supplies. Carrier partners will be recognized as SmartWay Excellence Award recipients:

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 @ 8 A.M. PDT

American Trucking Associations (ATA) Annual Management Conference and Exhibition

San Diego Convention Center

Exhibit Hall B

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