The 2019 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, market-driven partnership that 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 (thirteen shippers, four logistics companies, five multi-modal and fifty truck carriers) with a 2019 SmartWay Excellence Award. This represents about the top one to two percent of all SmartWay Partners.

The 2019 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 2019 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 2019, 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 2019, 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 2019 SmartWay Excellence Award 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 Award winners in the carrier category can include companies that operate one or more of 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 CO₂, PM and NOx 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 2019 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 five multimodal carriers and 50 truck carriers as recipients of the 2019 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, two truck carriers (Swift Transportation Co., and Werner Enterprises) had recognition in multiple fleet categories; Swift in refrigerated and truckload dry van, and Werner in drayage, flatbed and truckload dry van. Different divisions of CRST are also being recognized: CRST Dedicated Services, Inc. and CRST Expedited, Inc. One Partner, Meijer, is recognized both as a shipper and as a carrier (Meijer Logistics).

Carrier Award winners

EPA selected these 50 SmartWay truck carrier and five multimodal Award winners 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 15 fleet categories based on the selection criteria available here: SmartWay 2019 Award Criteria (PDF) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-19-008, February 2019)
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 carrier Award winners include: CRST Expedited, Inc., Heartland Express, Inc. of Iowa, Mesilla Valley Transportation, Roehl Transport, Inc., Swift Transportation Co., Walmart Transportation, LLC and Werner Enterprises.

Less Than Truck Load/Dry Van Carrier Fleet Award winner

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

The sole SmartWay large, LTL carrier Award winner is *Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.*

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.

Large SmartWay mixed carrier Award winners include: *Penske Logistics, LLC, and Ruan Transportation Management Systems, Inc.*

Package Carrier Fleet Award winner

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

The large SmartWay package carrier Award winner is *DHL Express*.

Refrigerated Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

There are four large refrigerated truck carrier Award winners, *Hirschbach Motor Lines*, *Navajo Express, Inc.*, *Swift Transportation Co. of Arizona, LLC*, and *TransAm Trucking, Inc.*
There are five small refrigerated truck carrier Award winners: Bill Davis Trucking, Inc., Fortune Transportation, Hardy Brothers, Inc., Logistics Trans West Inc. - Logistiques Trans West Inc., and McFarland Truck Lines, Inc.

Specialized Carrier Fleet Award winner

Specialized carriers move a range of goods and merchandise and include hopper, livestock, heavy-haul, garbage and utility, among others.
The small SmartWay specialized carrier Award winner is **High Country Transportation, Inc.**

**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.

There are two small flatbed carrier Award winners: **Trinity Logistics Group, Inc., and Werner Enterprises.**

The large SmartWay flatbed carrier Award winners are: **Combined Transport, Inc.: Blackwell Consolidation, LLC, and CT Transportation, LLC.**
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 include: Hub Group, J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc., and Schneider.

The medium/small SmartWay multimodal carrier Award winners are ABF Freight System, Inc., and C.R. England, Inc.

Auto Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

The small SmartWay auto carrier Award winner is Delta Automotive Services, Inc.
The large SmartWay auto carrier Award winner is *Southeast Transportation Systems, Inc.*

**Expedited Carrier Fleet Award winner**

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

The sole SmartWay expedited carrier Award winner is *RJR Transportation*.

**Moving Carrier Fleet Award winner**

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

The SmartWay moving carrier Award winner is *Palmer Moving & Storage*.

**Heavy/Bulk Carrier Fleet Award winners**

Heavy/Bulk carriers move a range of dense, heavy and large materials and commodities at or above legal maximum weight limits, often requiring permits.
The SmartWay large heavy/bulk Award winner is **Schilli Corporation**.

The SmartWay small heavy/bulk 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. 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.

There are two large SmartWay tanker Award winners: **Dillon Logistics, Inc., and Eagle Transport Corporation**.

The small SmartWay tanker Award winner is, **LTI, Inc., and Quick-Way, Inc.**
SmartWay Shipper and Logistics Company Awards

The 2019 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% of miles or ton-miles for shippers and 80% 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 (CO₂), particulate matter (PM), and nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions measured in grams per mile.

Within the shipper and logistics management categories, EPA proudly recognizes 13 of its shippers and four of its logistics Partners as recipients of a 2019 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 thirteen 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 semi-finalist candidates using the SmartWay 2019 Award Criteria (PDF) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-19-008, February 2019). The semi-finalists 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 2019 large shipper Award winners, moving more goods more than 500 million miles annually include: Canon USA, Inc., HP Inc., Johnson & Johnson, and Whirlpool Corporation.
SmartWay’s 2019 medium shipper Award winners, moving goods between 25 and 500 million miles annually are: Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Kohl’s Department Stores, LEDVANCE LLC., McDonald’s, Meijer, Michelin North America, Inc., and Nordstrom Inc.

SmartWay’s 2019 small shipper Award winner, moving goods fewer than 25 million miles annually is Gorton’s.

**Logistics Awards**

EPA selected these four 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 semi-finalist candidates using the [SmartWay 2019 Award Criteria](#) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-19-008, February 2019). All semi-finalists 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’s 2019 large logistics management Award winners, moving goods more than 200 million miles annually include: Alliance Shippers, Inc., Armada, and KBX Logistics, LLC.

SmartWay’s 2019 medium logistics management award winner, moving goods more than 200 million miles annually is King Solutions, Inc.

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:

Monday, October 7, 2019
American Trucking Associations (ATA) Annual Management Conference and Exhibition
San Diego Convention Center
Plenary Session @ 8:00 AM CT
111 West Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101