

2016 Carrier Excellence Award Leadership Highlights

The 2016 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 53 companies (seven shippers, two logistics companies, one barge carrier and 43 truck carriers) with a 2016 SmartWay Excellence Award. This represents about the top 1 to 2 percent of all SmartWay Partners.

The 2016 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 operational efficiency.

EPA identified the top 2016 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 2016, 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 2016, 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, barge 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

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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 2016 SmartWay Excellence Awards for carriers honor partners that are moving goods efficiently, with the lowest levels of CO₂, PM and NO_x emissions reported among all other SmartWay partners. SmartWay award winners within the carrier category 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 NO_x emissions measured in grams per ton-mile. These benchmarks were unique to each of the fifteen fleets characterized by SmartWay.

Fleet size and impact were other factors considered. SmartWay's 2016 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 four multimodal carriers and 39 truck carriers and one barge carrier as recipients of the 2016 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 Award winners

EPA selected these 40 SmartWay carrier and four 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 2016 Awards Criteria \(PDF\)](#) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-16-004, March 2016)

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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: *Swift Transportation Co., and U.S. Express Enterprises, Inc.*

Small SmartWay truckload carrier award winners include: *Bison Transport, Inc., C.A.T. Inc., Cargo Transporters, Convoy Systems, LLC, Customer Service Quality Transportation, Davis Transfer Co. Inc., Dedicated Transport LLC, Halvor Lines, Inc., Mesilla Valley Transportation, Mustang Express, LTD, OutWest Express, LLC, Owens & Minor Distribution, Inc., and South East Carriers, Inc.*



Less Than Truck Load/Dry Van Carrier Fleet Award winners_____

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

Large SmartWay LTL carrier award winners include: *Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.*, and *Pitt Ohio*.



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The small SmartWay LTL carrier award winner is, *Mercury Services, 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: *CRST Expedited, Inc.*, and *Roehl Transport Inc.*



Small SmartWay mixed carrier award winners include: *D. P. Curtis Trucking, Inc.*, and *Doug Andrus Distributing LLC*.



Package Carrier Fleet Award winners_____

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

There is one large SmartWay package carrier award winner, *DHL Express USA*.



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Refrigerated Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

There are two small refrigerated truck carrier award winners, *Benny Whitehead, Inc.*, and *Hirschbach Motor Lines*.



Specialized Carrier Fleet Award winners

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 award winners are: *High Country Transportation, Inc.*, and *Modern Transportation Services, LLC*.



The small SmartWay specialized carrier award winners include: *Arlo G Lott Trucking Inc.*, and *Arrow Transportation Systems 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, *RPM Harbor Services, 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 SmartWay flatbed carrier award winners are *Maverick Transportation LLC*, and *McElroy Truck Lines, Inc.*



The small flatbed carrier award winner is, *Arnold J. Thomas & Son Inc.*

Multimodal Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

Large SmartWay multimodal carrier award winners include: *J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.*, *Schneider*, and *UPS Small Package*.



Medium/Small SmartWay multimodal carrier award winner is, *White Arrow LLC*.



Auto Carrier Fleet Award winner

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 *Jack Key Auto Transport*.



Expedited Carrier Fleet Award winners

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



The large SmartWay expedited carrier award winner is, *Airtime Express Inc.*

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Moving Carrier Fleet Award winner

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

The large SmartWay moving carrier award winner is,  **NEW WORLD**
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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 large SmartWay heavy/bulk carrier award winners include: *Bulk Service Transport, Inc. dba James J. Williams and Challenger Motor Freight Inc.*



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The small SmartWay heavy/bulk carrier award winner is, *Heritage Transport, LLC.*



Barge Carrier Fleet Award winner

Barge carriers use flat-bottomed boats, under their own power or pushed/towed by another vessel, for transporting freight on navigable waterways, in harbors and along coastal areas.

The large SmartWay barge carrier award winner is, *Ingram Barge Company (Charter Partner).*



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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:

Monday, October 3, 2016 @ 8 A.M. PDT

American Trucking Associations (ATA) Annual Management Conference & Exhibition

Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada