

The 2017 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 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 62 companies (eleven shippers, three logistics companies four multi-modal and 44 truck carriers) with a 2017 SmartWay Excellence Award. This represents about the top 1 to 2 percent of all SmartWay Partners.

The 2017 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 set of comprehensive and detailed reports on their company's environmental performance and operational efficiency.

EPA identified the top 2017 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 2017, 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 2017, 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 that they carry more goods per ton-mile, using less fuel and emitting fewer greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.

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## SmartWay Carrier Company Awards

The 2017 SmartWay Excellence Awards for carriers' honor partners that are moving goods efficiently, with the lowest levels of CO<sub>2</sub>, PM and NO<sub>x</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>, PM and NO<sub>x</sub> 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 2017 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 44 truck carriers as recipients of the 2017 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, three truck carriers (Halavor Lines Inc., Swift Transportation Co., and Werner Enterprises) had recognition in two fleet categories (truckload dry van and flatbed).

### Carrier Award winners

EPA selected these 44 SmartWay truck 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 2017 Awards Criteria \(PDF\)](#) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-17-001, March 2017)

## 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., Celadon Group, Inc., Contract Freighters, Inc., CRST Expedited, Inc., Heartland Express, Inc., Knight Transportation, Inc., Schneider, Walmart Transportation Co., and Werner Enterprises.*



Small SmartWay truckload carrier award winners include: *Bison Transport, Inc., Customer Service Quality Transportation, Dedicated Transport LLC, Halvor Lines, Inc., Mesilla Valley Transportation, Mustang Express, LTD, and Sheehy Mail Contractors, 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., Pitt Ohio and Ryder Dedicated Transportation Solutions.*



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The small SmartWay LTL carrier award winner is, *Owens and Minor Distribution.*



## 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: *Carter Express Inc., and May Trucking Company.*



Small SmartWay mixed carrier award winners include: *Brian Kurtz Trucking Ltd., Contract Transportation Systems, Co. (Sherwin Williams), Rocha Transportation, and Royal Trucking Company.*



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## Package Carrier Fleet Award winners

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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*.



## Refrigerated Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

There are two large refrigerated truck carrier award winners, *Hirschbach Motor Lines* and *Navajo Express, Inc.*



There are three refrigerated truck carrier award winners: *Karr Transportation Inc.*, *Logistics Trans West Inc.*, and *USXL Worldwide*.



## Specialized Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

There is one large SmartWay specialized carrier award winner,  
*Lone Star Transportation, LLC*.





## Dray Carrier Fleet Award winners

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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 award winner is,  
*Duncan and Son Lines, Inc.*



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The small SmartWay dray carrier award winner is,  
*Pacific Cascade Trucking, LLC.*



## Flatbed Carrier Fleet Award winners

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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: *McElroy Truck Lines, Inc.* and *Swift Transportation Co.*



The small flatbed carrier award winners are: *General Logistics, Inc., Halvor Lines, Inc., Penske Logistics, LLC., and Werner Enterprises.*



## Multimodal Carrier Fleet Award winners

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

The large SmartWay multimodal carrier award winners include: *J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc., and Hub Group.*



The medium/small SmartWay multimodal carrier award winners are *White Arrow LLC., and C.R. England, Inc.*



## Auto Carrier Fleet Award winner

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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 *Diversified Automotive Inc.*



## Expedited Carrier Fleet Award winners

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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, *RPS Express Inc.*



## Moving Carrier Fleet Award winner

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

The large SmartWay moving carrier award winner is,  
*Mesa Systems Inc.*



## Heavy/Bulk Carrier Fleet Award winner

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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 heavy/bulk carrier award winner is  
*Doug Andrus Distributing LLC.*



## Tanker Fleet Award winners

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Tank truck carriers haul liquid (petroleum, chemicals, gases, hazardous waste, etc.) or dry (dry food products, cement, plastic pellets) bulk commodities.

The small SmartWay tanker award winners are, *Cliff Viessman, Inc., and Eagle Transport Corporation.*



## SmartWay Shipper and Logistics Company Awards

The 2017 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 (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 (CO<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter (PM), and nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions measured in grams per mile.

Within the shipper and logistics management categories, EPA proudly recognizes eleven of its shippers and three of its logistics partners as recipients of a 2017 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 eleven 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 2017 Awards Criteria \(PDF\)](#) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-17-001, January 2017). 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 2017 large shipper award winners, moving more goods more than 500 million miles annually include: *HP Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Lowe's Companies, Inc., The Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., and Whirlpool Corporation.*



SmartWay's 2017 medium shipper award winners, moving goods between 25 and 500 million miles annually are: *Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Kohl's Department Stores, LEDVANCE LLC., McDonald's and Meijer Distribution Inc.*



SmartWay's 2017 small shipper award winner, moving goods fewer than 25 million miles annually is **Gap Inc.**



## Logistics Awards

EPA selected these three 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 2017 Awards Criteria \(PDF\)](#)) (2 pp, 624K, EPA-420-F-17-001, January 2017). 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.*

The 2017 logistics management award recipients demonstrated superior performance and effectively moved 80% of all the goods managed using only SmartWay carriers.

SmartWay's 2017 large logistics management award winners, moving goods more than 200 million miles annually include: *Alliance Shippers, Inc., Knichel Logistics, and Union Pacific Distribution Services.*





## 2017 Excellence Award Leadership Highlights

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### 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 23, 2017 @ 8 A.M. EST*

*American Trucking Associations (ATA) Annual Management Conference & Exhibition*

*Orange County Convention Center*

*Las Vegas, Nevada*