



Partnership Agreement: Shippers

EPA's SmartWaySM Transport Partnership is a voluntary program that recognizes Partners for setting and achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals in freight transport.

With this agreement, _____, joins EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership and commits to:

- Determine the percentage of freight shipped (or received) by SmartWay Transport Partnership carriers.
Measure the greenhouse gas emissions of our freight facility operations using EPA's online environmental measurement, assessment and tracking system, available at www.epa.gov/smartway.
Establish goals for reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of our freight facility operations and increasing the amount of freight shipped with SmartWay Transport carriers.
Establish a plan for how these goals will be achieved and report our progress toward meeting our goals by annually updating our performance in EPA's online environmental measurement, assessment and tracking system.

In return, EPA commits to:

- Increase public awareness of Partner participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership by listing Partners on the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership Web site and in related educational, promotional, and media materials. EPA will obtain express written consent from the Partner before publishing the Partner's name other than in the context of increasing public awareness of its participation as described here.
Publicize the actual performance data of Partners only with a Partner's express permission, except as otherwise required by law.
Provide Shippers with the needed information to quantify emissions from their freight facility operations, and to determine the percentage of freight shipped with SmartWay Transport Partner Carriers.
Assist Partners in achieving goals by working to address challenges, create incentives, and provide technical assistance and support (subject to appropriations).

General terms:

- If the Partner or EPA defaults upon this agreement at any point, the agreement shall be considered null and void.
Either party can terminate the agreement at any time without prior notification or penalties or any further obligation. EPA agrees not to comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of Partners.
EPA reserves the right to suspend or revoke Partner status for any Partner that fails to accomplish the specific actions to which it committed in the SmartWay Transport Partnership Agreement and subsequent Agreements.
The Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to the program. The Partner will not make statements or imply that EPA endorses the purchase or sale of the Partner's products and services or the views of the organization.
The Partner understands that it bears its own costs for participation in this program, and agrees not to submit a claim for compensation to EPA or any other Federal agency on the basis of this agreement.

Authorized Partner Official:

The undersigned, on behalf of _____, understands and agrees to the terms of the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership.

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____
PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

Designated Partner Representative:

NAME _____ TITLE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____ FAX _____

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Join the SmartWay Transport Partnership TODAY!

Becoming a SmartWay Transport Shipper Makes Good Business Sense

- **Improve Your Savings by Improving your Environmental Performance:**

SmartWay Transport Partners use freight carriers that are improving their own fuel efficiency while shippers are improving the efficiency of shipping and receiving operations. This translates to money saved and reduced environmental impacts from your freight shipping. As a SmartWay Transport Partner, you will have the information necessary to make beneficial decisions regarding carrier selection.

- **Quantify your Environmental Achievements:**

Emission reductions may be valuable on the open market through trading and credit programs already in development nationally and internationally. EPA's online environmental measurement, assessment and tracking system allows you to track and manage your greenhouse gas emission reductions from freight activities.

- **Promotional Opportunities and Public Recognition:**

The SmartWay Transport Partner brand of excellence is awarded to qualifying Partners as a visible cue to your business customers, clients, and consumers to use in their advertising and other promotional media. It tells them that you are a champion of environmental stewardship and helps them to make educated choices about SmartWay Transport(ed) products. Visible exposure through national and regional events, advertisements, articles and special recognition are just a few ways that EPA commits to recognize your achievements.

"Businesses have an opportunity and a responsibility to do what they can to protect the environment. It's important to our customers and it's important to healthy communities, so we encourage all companies to join us in this great effort with SmartWay."

–Winell Herron, V.P. of Public Affairs and Diversity, H-E-B

Becoming a Partner is Easy

When you join the SmartWay Transport Partnership, you commit to:

- Increase the percentage of freight shipped by SmartWay Transport Partnership Carriers;
- Measure the greenhouse gas emissions of your operations using EPA's tracking tools;
- Identify a goal to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from freight facility operations;
- Develop a plan for achieving your goals and annually report your progress to EPA.

Simply e-mail, fax or mail the signed Partnership Agreement to:

e-mail: smartway_transport@epa.gov
mail: SmartWay Transport Partnership
U.S. EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality
2000 Traverwood
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
fax: (734) 214-4052

Then complete and submit your online assessment and performance objectives using EPA's tracking tools available at www.epa.gov/smartway. Your Partner Welcome Kit will be mailed to you shortly.

The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.57 hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed form to this address.

Become a SmartWay Transport Shipper TODAY!

For more information about joining the SmartWay Transport Partnership, call us at (734) 214-4767.

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