



2025 SmartWay Excellence Award - Shipper Semifinalist Application

Application Information and Instructions

Congratulations! Your company has met the criteria to qualify as a SmartWay Excellence Award semifinalist and is invited to apply for Award consideration. Shippers that qualify as semifinalists meet a set of emissions-based criteria that clearly distinguish the environmental performance of their transportation and logistics operations. Review the [2025 SmartWay Excellence Award Criteria factsheet](#) for details.

Please complete and submit the application by the deadline of **5 PM PT on Monday, April 28, 2025**.

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Partner Information

Partner Name:

	SmartWay Primary Company Contact:	SmartWay Executive Company Contact:
Names:		
Titles:		
Email addresses:		
Phone numbers:		
Mail addresses:		
By typing my name in this box, I confirm that all information submitted on this application is accurate and valid.		
Actual or digital signatures required:		

	Company PR/Media Contact:	Company PR/Media Contact (optional)
Names:		
Titles:		
Email addresses:		
Phone numbers:		

Q1: FREIGHT EFFICIENCY PLANNING and REPORTING: ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, FREIGHT, SMARTWAY

Select all statements below that apply to your company's efforts regarding freight efficiency planning and reporting, including use of SmartWay Shipper Tool, data and/or results (emission metrics-CO₂e, NO_x and PM) that your company cites or publishes. Please describe your company's efforts for all checked boxes. In essence, each summary narrative should contribute to your company's overall efforts with regard to freight efficiency planning and reporting, including how environmental stewardship, freight and SmartWay fit into those efforts. [These plans and reports may include highly structured environmental disclosure reports, or unique company-based reports].

Add weblink(s) to supporting documentation to substantiate summaries provided. If digital attachments are included to substantiate the summary of your company's efforts, please label attachments with your company name and the question number the attachment is meant to support. We request that you use the following file naming convention: CompanyName_Q1-x.DOC. Evaluation points will be allocated accordingly.

Sustainability (Freight Emissions) Planning and Reporting

Q1.a: Our company prepares a publicly available Environmental Sustainability Report (that addresses freight efficiency or supply chain sustainability). If "yes" checkbox is selected, provide a brief summary of your company's report and how it addresses freight efficiency, emissions reduction or other SmartWay-related goal. Identify the types of air pollutants (toxic emissions, NO_x, PM, climate.) your company includes in this environmental sustainability report. Remember to include weblinks to supporting documentation. Maximum word count is 500. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Environment, Freight and SmartWay

Q1.b: Our company uses one or more of the following frameworks to support its environmental planning and freight efficiency reporting program.

- ☐ World Resources Institute's GHG Protocol
- ☐ Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi)
- ☐ Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- ☐ CDP (formerly known as Carbon Disclosure Project)
- ☐ Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC)
- ☐ Other (include all) _____

Provide a brief summary of how utilizing the checked framework(s) supports your company's environmental planning and freight efficiency reporting program. Remember to include weblinks to supporting documentation. Maximum word count is 500. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Q1.c: Check all **freight emissions planning** efforts that apply:

- ☐ [Q.1.d.1](#) Supply chain emissions data are included and/or disclosed in our company's environmental protection program.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.2](#) Freight emissions data are included and/or disclosed in our company's environmental protection program.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.3](#) SmartWay is a source for freight emissions data included in our company's sustainability programs.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.4](#) SmartWay is specifically cited as a source for freight emissions data included in our company's sustainability programs.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.5](#) Our company has set goals to reduce its supply chain emissions.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.6](#) Our company is achieving demonstrated progress to achieve its supply chain emission reduction goals.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.7](#) Our company has set goals to reduce its freight and supply chain emissions.
- ☐ [Q.1.d.8](#) Our company is achieving demonstrated progress to achieve its freight emission reduction goals.

Provide a brief summary of how each checked box supports your company's environmental protection planning and freight efficiency reporting program. Remember to include weblinks to supporting documentation. If digital attachments are included to substantiate the summary of your company's efforts, please label attachments with your company name and the question number the attachment is meant to support. We request that you use the following file naming convention: CompanyName_Q1-x.DOC. Maximum word count is 500. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Q1.d: Community, Freight and SmartWay Check all that apply:

- ☐ Community engagement is an element of our company's sustainability planning and reporting.
- ☐ Air quality and its public health impacts are included in our company's community engagement program.
- ☐ Our company engages with communities where our shipping operations may be a source of localized emissions, impacting residents (or more simply where our shipping operations are located).
- ☐ We inform communities and other stakeholders that our company is a SmartWay Partner.

Provide a brief summary of how each checked box supports your company's intersection of community engagement efforts and your company's environmental protection planning and freight efficiency reporting program. Remember to include weblinks to supporting documentation. If digital attachments are included to substantiate the summary of your company's efforts, please label attachments with your company name and the question number the attachment is meant to support. We request that you use the following file naming convention: CompanyName_Q1-x.DOC. Maximum word count is 500. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Q2: FREIGHT STRATEGY INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Check all innovative practices, policies, efforts, strategies that your organization has made in calendar years 2023-2024 to:

- help improve freight efficiency or mitigate environmental impacts
 - employ new technology application at facilities (e.g. electric or low emission forklifts)
 - improve facility operational efficiency
 - enhance national energy security with fuels savings
 - ensuring emissions reductions efforts include criteria pollutants (i.e., NOx and PM) reductions in freight strategies
- assist in regional emergencies/crises and reducing urban congestion throughout your supply chain.

For each checked box below, describe your company's freight transport strategy innovation and implementation efforts. Include an explanation or results regarding the impact of the innovative strategy on your freight sustainability (e.g. emissions reductions or efficiency) efforts. Include web links to clearly identified sources which substantiate these summaries. If digital attachments are included to substantiate the summary of your company's efforts, please label attachments with your company name and the question number the attachment is meant to support. We request that you use the following file naming convention: CompanyName_Q2-x.DOC. Maximum word count for each summary is 500. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Our company has:

☐ Q2.a. Delivered, or arranged for transport of, and/or donated vital supplies during emergencies/crises (e.g. floods, hurricanes, and other disaster relief).

Improved air quality, increased efficiency and decreased noise in congested communities and ports by the following:

Check those practices employed by your company:	Describe/Explain/Summarize effort (500-word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q2.b. Offered after-hour deliveries	
☐ Q2.c. Established "No Idling" zones	
☐ Q2.d. Accepted after-hour appointments	
☐ Q2.e. Facilitated "drop and hook" operations	

Check those practices employed by your company:	Describe/Explain/Summarize effort (500-word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q2.f. Reduced detention time by having product palletized and ready to load at dock	
☐ Q2.g. Monitored loading projections to ensure full trailers and reduce empty miles	
☐ Q2.h. Expanded off-peak operations hours	
☐ Q2.i. reduced packaging weight and/or volume to improve transport efficiency	
☐ Q2.j. Established fixed appointment times	
☐ Q2.k. Shipping dock gate/layout management	
☐ Q2.l. Established driver comfort stations to promote no idling	
☐ Q2.m. Unloaded, stacked and organized containers by shipper from large shippers to promote free-flow container operations	
☐ Q2.n. Used smaller trucks for urban deliveries	
☐ Q2.o. Used/encouraged/supported fuel-efficiency strategies within your company or sector	
☐ Q2.p. Shifted freight to another, less pollution-intensive mode	
☐ Q2.q. Used double-stacked containers for rail travel	

Check those practices employed by your company:	Describe/Explain/Summarize effort (500-word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q2.r. Relocated/built new distribution centers (DCs) to reduce mileage	
☐ Q2.s. Integrated new technology	
☐ Q2.t. Other	

Q3: STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

EPA SmartWay understands that the journey to freight sector sustainability is a collaborative endeavor that includes modeling and championing accountability, inspiring market and industry transformations impacting how freight is moved and sharing successful freight sustainability strategies within the freight industry. Identify the ways in which your company has demonstrated leadership by checking the applicable box(es) below.

Summarize and describe your company's efforts from each checked box, including identification of those entities with which your company coordinated or influenced. Describe those interactions and explain how it was impactful. Add weblink(s) to supporting documentation which substantiates this summary. If digital attachments are included to substantiate the summary of your company's efforts, please label attachments with your company name and the question number the attachment is meant to support. We request that you use the following file naming convention: CompanyName_Q3-x.DOC. Maximum word count of 300. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Check those collaborations deployed by your company:	Describe/Explain/Summarize effort (500 word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q3.a. Collaboration on safety initiatives	
☐ Q3.b. Collaboration on humanitarian aid initiatives	
☐ Q3.c. Green freight procurement	
☐ Q3.d. Collaboration on community initiatives that integrate emergency response	
☐ Q3.e. Collaboration on sustainability initiatives	
☐ Q3.f. Effective green carrier recruiting techniques and incentives	
☐ Q3.g. Industry education efforts (webinars, conferences, or trainings) on freight emissions accounting and/or sustainable practices	
☐ Q3.h. Other	

Q4: COMPREHENSIVE TOOL (ACTIVITY/DATA) REPORTING

SmartWay encourages Partners to report ALL business operations that require goods movement services. Does your SmartWay Shipper Tool capture or include freight movement (both SmartWay and non-SmartWay carriers) from all your company divisions, sister companies or subsidiaries, including various modes - truck, intermodal, rail, barge, and air?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, share the names of the business units and elaborate below. Add weblink(s) to supporting documentation which substantiates this summary. If digital attachments are included to substantiate the summary of your company's efforts, please label attachments with your company name and the question number the attachment is meant to support. We request that you use the following file naming convention: CompanyName_Q1-x.DOC. If no, please explain below. Maximum of 500 words. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

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