



2025 SmartWay Excellence Award *Truck Carrier 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. Eligible truck carriers meet a superior set of emissions-based criteria that clearly distinguish the environmental performance of their fleets. Review the [2025 SmartWay Excellence Award Criteria \(pdf\)](#) 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: SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING and REPORTING: FREIGHT EMISSIONS, COMMUNITY, FREIGHT, SMARTWAY

Summarize your company's actions and efforts to include freight emissions, freight and SmartWay in its sustainability planning and reporting program (these programs may include highly structured freight emissions reports or unique company-based reports), on freight-related environmental reporting. Indicate those elements that are included in your company's emissions reporting efforts by checking the applicable box(es) below. Checked boxes should be explained in your summary description. Add weblink(s) to supporting documentation to substantiate your 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. Note: this summary may be shared publicly. Maximum word count of 500 words.

- ☐ Q1.a. Inclusion of SmartWay data and/or results into environmental reporting
- ☐ Q1.b. Other _____

Q2: FLEET TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Check all innovative fleet technology innovation policies, fuel and equipment purchases, and/or research efforts that your company made in calendar year **2023-2024** to improve fuel efficiency and reduce pollution from freight operations.

Summarize/describe each of your company's fleet technology innovations that are checked. Include an explanation or results regarding the impact of the innovative technology on your freight sustainability (e.g. emissions reductions or efficiency) efforts. Include web links to clearly identified sources which substantiate 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_Q2-x.DOC. Maximum word count is 500. Note: these summaries may be shared publicly.

Check those innovative technologies employed by your company:	Describe/Explain/Summarize innovation per instructions above. (500 word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q2.a. Electric Vehicle (EV) demonstration projects or pilots (Fully electric vehicles certified to USEPA standards)	
☐ Q2.b. Electric Vehicle (EV) demonstration projects or pilots (powered by battery or hydrogen fuel cell)	
☐ Q2.c. EV associated infrastructure efforts	
☐ Q2.d. Use of fuel-efficient technologies (e.g. aero bumper, aero mirrors, aluminum wheels, automatic tire inflation systems, fuel tank fairing)	
☐ Q2.e. Use of fuel-efficient trailer aerodynamics (e.g. skirt fairing, Tail fairing, Gap Reducer, Under Trailer fairing, or splash guard)	
☐ Q2.f. Use of renewable fuels (natural gas, renewable diesel)	
☐ Q2.g. Use of alternative fuels (e.g., CNG, hydrogen, ethanol E85, biodiesel, other alternate fuel)	
☐ Q2.h. Constant innovations (e.g., research, pilot, etc.)	
☐ Q2.i. Hybrid Powertrain Technology	
☐ Q2.j. Longer Combination Vehicles	

Check those innovative technologies employed by your company:	Describe/Explain/Summarize innovation per instructions above. (500 word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q2.k. SmartWay Designated tractors or trailers	
☐ Q2.l. Low viscosity lubricants	
☐ Q2.m. Speed limiter	
☐ Q2.n. Other	

Q3: FREIGHT STRATEGY INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION Check all innovative practices, policies, strategies and efforts that your fleet has made to help improve freight efficiency or mitigate environmental impacts in calendar years 2023 – 2024.

Summarize/describe each of your company's freight strategy innovation and implementation efforts identified by your selections below. Include an explanation or results regarding the impact of the innovative strategy on your freight sustainability (e.g. emissions reductions or efficiency) efforts. 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 of 500 words. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Check those innovative strategies employed by your fleet:	Describe/Explain/Summarize effort per instructions above. (500 word count maximum per each summary):
☐ Q3.a. Initiatives to reduce localized impacts (e.g., idling reduction)	
☐ Q3.b. Behavioral strategies for reducing idling (e.g. driver training and financial incentives)	
☐ Q3.c. Use of fuel-efficiency strategies (progressive down-shifting)	
☐ Q3.d. Use of fuel-efficiency strategies (effective fuel-efficient driver education)	
☐ Q3.e. Use of fuel-efficiency strategies (top limit speed)	
☐ Q3.f. Service maintenance training	
☐ Q3.g. Use of freight logistics strategies (load matching, routing/scheduling, successive triangular pattern routing, empty back-haul coordination, electronic monitors (called load boards) checking for free availability, electronic data interchange system to communicate logistics information among dispatchers, drivers, and customers)	
☐ Q3.h. Other	

Q4: 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. Tell us the ways your fleet has demonstrated leadership by checking the applicable box(es) below.

Provide a summary description of each collaboration effort selected below. Identify 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 of your company's efforts. 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_Q4-x.DOC. Maximum of 500 words. 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):
☐ Q4.a. Collaboration on safety initiatives	
☐ Q4.b. Collaboration on humanitarian aid initiatives	
☐ Q4.c. Collaboration on community initiatives that integrate emergency response	
☐ Q4.d. Collaboration on sustainability initiatives	
☐ Q4.e. Pilot/test/research, conducted by your company/fleet to better understand fuel efficient technologies or supply chain freight efficiency practices to reduce emissions. Pilot programs, also called a feasibility study or experimental trial, are small-scale, short-term experiment that helps an organization learn how a large-scale project might work in practice. They are important because they provide businesses with a way to test new products or services before they can go further.	
☐ Q4.f. Industry education efforts (webinars, conferences, or trainings) on freight emissions accounting and/or sustainable practices	
☐ Q4.g. Other	

Q5: COMPREHENSIVE TOOL (DATA) REPORTING

SmartWay encourages Partners to report ALL business operations that require goods movement services. Does your SmartWay Truck Tool capture or include freight movement from all of your company divisions, sister companies or subsidiaries? Specifically, did your fleet provide data for all of its business units (such as a subsidiary) or various modes (e.g., logistics, drayage, dedicated fleets, final delivery, etc.), including notations of freight mileage brokered out to third party trucking companies?

☐ 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 no, please explain below. 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_Q5-x.DOC.` Maximum of 1,000 words. Note: this summary may be shared publicly.

Thank you for completing the 2025 SmartWay Excellence Award Semifinalist application.