

Department for Transport provides further grant funding to support the transportation of freight by rail and water

The Department for Transport has made the following awards from the Sustainable Distribution Fund following the September 2011 Bid Round. Funding provided relates to financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13 and is designed to support the carriage of freight by rail and water that would otherwise be carried by road. Support from this bid round is estimated to remove over 100,000 lorry journeys from the roads of Great Britain between September 2011 and March 2013.

1. Awards under the Mode Shift Revenue Support scheme have been made to:

Grantee	From	To	Scheme	11-12 Value	12-13 Value
DB Schenker	2	14	MSRS(I)	£250,409.25	£381,654.00
DB Schenker	Dagenham	Mossend	MSRS(B)	£11,513.47	N/A
Direct Rail Services	14	8	MSRS(I)	£95,823.00	N/A
Eddie Stobart	5	8	MSRS(I)	£179,196.00	£427,440.00
Freightliner	17	14	MSRS(I)	N/A	£340,922.61
Freightliner	11	13	MSRS(I)	N/A	£41,352.00
Freightliner	17	13	MSRS(I)	N/A	£56,245.25
Freightliner	17	11	MSRS(I)	N/A	£109,168.00
Freightliner	2	1	MSRS(I)	£23,984.72	£34,261.41
Freightliner	18	5	MSRS(I)	£28,840.00	£24,220.00
Freightliner	18	15	MSRS(I)	£12,925.00	£12,925.00
Freightliner	1	15	MSRS(I)	N/A	£104,884.01
Freightliner	2	15	MSRS(I)	N/A	£24,024.00
Freightliner	18	14	MSRS(I)	N/A	£14,297.00
Logical Link	Felixstowe	Teesport	WFG	N/A	£102,657.28
			TOTAL	£602,691.44	£1,674,050.56

2. It should be noted that the awards listed in this table are provisional maxima. In some cases, the award may not lead to a contract; in others, the amount agreed in a subsequent contract may be lower than the accepted bid. Furthermore there is no guarantee that traffic contracted in any round will continue to operate.
3. The traffic moved under each MSRS contract is closely monitored. Where traffic levels have been lower than those in the grantees' contracts, reductions to the contract have been made. This process ensures the effective control of the budget and maximizes the amount of benefit that can be purchased through the scheme.

4. The Department for Transport is currently running two schemes that facilitate the purchase of the environmental and social benefits that result from using rail or water transport instead of road. These are:
 - **Mode Shift Revenue Support (MSRS) scheme:** assists companies with the operating costs associated with running rail and inland waterway freight transport instead of road (where rail/ inland waterways are more expensive than road).
 - **Waterborne Freight Grant scheme (WFG):** assists companies with the operating costs, for up to three years, associated with running coastal and short sea shipping freight transport instead of road (where short sea/ coastal shipping is more expensive than road).
5. Applications for the Department's freight grant schemes are prioritised in a bid round process. Further details on bid rounds are available on the Department's website. Guidance and application forms are available on the Business Link website at

<http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r.s=b&r.l4=1084729126&r.l1=1081597476&r.lc=en&r.l3=1084756086&r.l2=1082103262&topicId=1084756086>