

## Department for Transport delivers more grant funding to transport freight by rail

In its December 2008 allocation round for mode shift grant, the Department for Transport awarded £3.2 million over the next 2 years as part of the Rail Environmental benefits Procurement Scheme (REPS). This funding, for carrying freight by rail that would otherwise be carried by roads, will help remove over 123,000 lorry journeys from the UK road network.

1. The new awards of Rail Environmental benefit Procurement Scheme funding have been made to:

Grant Recipient	Scheme	Traffic Flows	Contract Value (£)	
			08/09	09/10
EWS	REPS(I)	18-11	20,995	0
EWS	RESP(I)	2-11	4,648	0
EWS	REPS(I)	2-5	19,677	0
EWS	REPS(I)	6-8	21,455	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Bari(Piacenza)-Trafford park	12,363	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Riom-Hams Hall	24,473	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Menznau-Blackburn	671	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Swindon-Gent	10,156	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Dagenham Dock-Valencia	15,404	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Dagenham-Garston	41,022	36,920
EWS	REPS(B)	Dagenham-Mossend	73,686	66,315
EWS	REPS(B)	Doncaster-Mossend	49,498	44,547
EWS	REPS(B)	Novara-Hams Hall	68,713	61,843
EWS	REPS(B)	Oxford-Purfleet	62,134	55,920
EWS	REPS(B)	Portbury Dock-Mossend	13,979	12,579
EWS	REPS(B)	Halewood-Southampton	28,459	25,227
EWS	REPS(B)	Halewood-Portbury Dock	3,260	2,932
EWS	REPS(B)	S Vittoria-Daventry	5,791	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Plattling-Daventry	5,304	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-11	0	94,944
Freightliner	RESP(I)	18-11	0	34,675
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-5	26,943	95,130
Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-11	0	33,642
Freightliner	REPS(I)	18-5	0	31,200
Freightliner	RESP(I)	1-5	0	2,794
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-14	0	276,501
Freightliner	REPS(I)	17-14	2,465	744,629
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-1	3,553	109,711
Freightliner	RESP(I)	18-14	7,301	121,229

Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-14	1,137	455,383
Freightliner	REPS(I)	17-13	0	109,490
First GB Railfreight	REPS(I)	2-14	0	21,344
First GB Railfreight	RESP(I)	2-14	0	34,000
First GB Railfreight	REPS(I)	2-14	0	185,000
John Russell Ltd	DRS	8-14	33,818	52,560
Eddie Stobart Ltd	DRS	14-8	26,424	0
TOTAL			583,329	2,708,515

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 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 REPS 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 runs three schemes that facilitate the purchase of the environmental and social benefits that result from using rail or water transport instead of road. These are:

- **Freight Facilities Grant (FFG):** helps offset the capital cost of providing rail and water freight handling facilities.
- **Rail Environmental Benefit Procurement (REPS (B) & REPS (I)):** assists companies with the operating costs associated with running rail freight transport instead of road (where rail is more expensive than road). From September 2009 this scheme has also been open to inland waterway traffic. It will be replaced from 1 April 2010 by the Mode Shift Revenue Support (MSRS) Scheme.
- **Waterborne Freight Grant scheme (WFG):** assists companies with the operating costs, for up to three years, associated with running water freight transport instead of road (where water 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 Freight Best Practice website at [www.freightbestpractice.org.uk](http://www.freightbestpractice.org.uk)