

## 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 June 2012 Bid Round. Funding provided relates to financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14 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 expected to remove over 38,000 lorry journeys from the roads of Great Britain between June 2012 and March 2014.

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

Grantee	From	To	Scheme	12-13 Value	13-14 Value
Argos	14	8	MSRS (I)	N/A	£35,768.00
DB Schenker	17	14	MSRS (I)	N/A	£157,967.90
DB Schenker	2	5	MSRS (I)	N/A	£82,478.00
DB Schenker	2	14	MSRS (I)	N/A	£351,684.30
DB Schenker	Scunthorpe	Hayange	MSRS (B)	N/A	£13,228.16
DB Schenker	Halewood	Southampton	MSRS (B)	N/A	£86,121.69
DFDS	Novara	Daventry	MSRS (B)	£84,471.66	£86,495.22
DFDS	Daventry	Novara	MSRS (B)	£76,674.78	£84,053.34
Freightliner	17	3	MSRS (I)	£52,500.00	£67,500.00
Stobart Group	14	1	MSRS (B)	£9,045.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£222,691.44</b>	<b>£965,296.61</b>

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 award of a Waterborne Freight Grant has also been confirmed following the assessment of an application at the previous Sustainable Distribution Bid Round in February 2012, removing more than 9,000 additional lorry journeys from the road between July 2012 and March 2014.

Grantee	From	To	Scheme	12-13 Value	13-14 Value
Westland Horticulture Ltd	Warrenpoint	Bristol	WFG	£490,909.09	£472,363.64

Grant for the final 12 months applied for will be considered with other bids when the funding for 2014/15 is confirmed and open to applications.

5. 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).
6. 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>