

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

In its February 2008 allocation round for mode shift grant, the Department for Transport awarded £1.1 million over the next 3 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 55,500 lorry journeys from the UK road network. This is in addition to some £47m of REPS grants announced in June, July and November 2007.

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

Grant Recipient	Scheme	Traffic Flows	Contract Value (£)		
			07/08	08/09	09/10
EWS	REPS(I)	17-5	5,184	15,562	12,606
EWS	REPS(I)	2-14	5,132	133,432	120,089
EWS	REPS(I)	1-14	2,880	20,175	18,150
EWS	RESP(I)	6-8	12,005	15,015	13,510
EWS	REPS(I)	17-14	44,696	76,520	68,870
EWS	REPS(I)	2-11	0	8,128	4,360
EWS	REPS(I)	2-5	0	43,512	40,236
GB Railfreight	REPS(I)	2-5	504	0	0
DRS	REPS(I)	14-8	3,675	0	0
Russells	REPS(I)	1-14	3,900	101,400	91,260
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-11	2,400	3,952	3,560
Freightliner	REPS(I)	18-11	2,850	0	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-11	23,877	24,990	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	18-14	1,722	0	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-5	1,518	6,094	5,478
Fastline Freight	REPS(I)	18-11	3,800	98,800	88,920
TOTAL			114,143	547,580	467,039

### ALSF Funding

In addition to the above awards from the Sustainable Distribution Fund, the following sums were allocated from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund:

Grant Recipient	Scheme	Traffic Flows	Contract Value (£)		
			07/08	08/09	09/10
EWS	REPS(B)	Mendips-Eastleigh	911	47,911	44,820

EWS	REPS(B)	Mendips-Wootton Bassett	14,750	59,109	54,556
EWS	REPS(B)	Hull-Wolverhampton	3,600	46,800	42,120
EWS	REPS(B)	Hull-Widnes	2,339	30,400	0
EWS	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Wissington	0	17,181	16,214
EWS	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Cantley	0	7,559	7,132
EWS	REPS(B)	Mendips-Parkeston	0	1,704	1,594
EWS	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Bury St Edmunds	0	7,972	7,458
Day Group	REPS(B)	Bretts Cliffe-Purley	0	65,520	58,968
TOTAL			21,600	284,156	232,862

These awards would remove the equivalent of 30,000 lorries from the roads.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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).

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 Freight Best Practice website at [www.freightbestpractice.org.uk](http://www.freightbestpractice.org.uk)