

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

The Department for Transport has made the following awards from the Sustainable Distribution Fund following the September 2010 Bid Round. Funding provided relates to financial years 2010-11 and 2011-12 and is designed to support the carriage of freight by rail that would otherwise be carried by road. Support from this bid round is expected to remove over 23,000 lorry journeys from the roads of Great Britain in 2010-11 and over 79,000 in 2011-12.

1. Awards under the Mode Shift Revenue Support scheme for 2010/11 have been made to:

Grant Recipient	Scheme	Traffic Flows	Contract Value
Direct Rail Services	MSRS(I)	14-8	£29,250.00
DB Schenker	MSRS(I)	17-11	£81,249.56
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Goole-Wolverhampton	£13,395.76
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Trostre-Tilbury	£36,680.00
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Halewood-Southampton	£29,191.89
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Immingham-Wolverhampton	£24,030.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	17-11	£42,000.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	1-11	£71,568.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	1-5	£22,000.00
John G Russell (Transport) Ltd	MSRS(I)	1-8	£39,925.00
John G Russell (Transport) Ltd	MSRS(I)	1-14	£21,760.00
Norfolk Line	MSRS(B)	Novara-Hams Hall	£40,646.34
Norfolk Line	MSRS(B)	Hams Hall-Novara	£37,311.12
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£489,007.67</b>

2. Awards made under the Mode Shift Revenue Support scheme for 2011/12 have been made to:

Grant Recipient	Scheme	Traffic Flows	Contract Value (£)
DB Schenker	MSRS(I)	17-11	£126,392.00
DB Schenker	MSRS(I)	14-8	£15,025.11
DB Schenker	MSRS(I)	3-6	£43,874.60
DB Schenker	MSRS(I)	2-5	£61,930.00
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Goole-Wolverhampton	£24,024.00
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Trostre-Tilbury	£39,627.50
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Halewood-Southampton	£30,827.16
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Immingham-Wolverhampton	£55,741.59
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Scunthorpe-Hayange	£27,435.62
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Padova-Hams Hall	£11,418.75

DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	Dagenham-Mossend	£10,726.10
DB Schenker	MSRS(B)	New Cumnock-Cauldon	£11,000.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	17-11	£183,057.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	2-5	£157,025.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	2-14	£539,139.00
Freightliner	MSRS(I)	18-11	£27,132.00
GB Railfreight	MSRS(I)	2-5	£33,000.00
Norfolk Line	MSRS(B)	Novara-Hams Hall	£70,951.86
Norfolk Line	MSRS(B)	Hams Hall-Novara	£67,616.64
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,535,943.93</b>

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 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.
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 (formerly the Rail Environmental benefit Procurement Scheme):** assists companies with the operating costs associated with running rail freight transport instead of road (where rail is more expensive than road). Since September 2009 this scheme has also been open to inland waterway traffic.
  - **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)