

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

In its September 2008 allocation round for mode shift grant, the Department for Transport awarded £2.6 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 107,000 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	13,110	11,799
EWS	REPS(I)	18-14	31,159	25,943
EWS	REPS(I)	1-5	45,333	34,765
EWS	RESP(I)	13-1	10,763	6,337
EWS	REPS(I)	18-5	16,520	9,600
EWS	REPS(B)	Bari(Piacenza)-Trafford park	25,524	22,970
EWS	REPS(B)	Riom-Hams Hall	13,143	11,829
EWS	REPS(B)	Selby-Kings Lynn	15,960	14,364
EWS	REPS(B)	Selby-Kings Lynn	11,120	10,008
EWS	REPS(B)	Selby-Kings Lynn	7,100	6,390
EWS	REPS(B)	Menznau-Blackburn	5,915	5,323
EWS	REPS(B)	Swindon-Gent	16,040	14,434
EWS	REPS(B)	Dagenham Dock-Valencia	69,941	62,947
EWS	REPS(B)	Dunkerque Grande-Burton-on-Trent	4,125	3,713
EWS	REPS(B)	S Vittoria-Daventry	5,136	4,622
EWS	REPS(B)	Plattling-Daventry	2,286	2,058
DRS	REPS(I)	8-14	50,000	0
Eddie Stobart	RESP(I)	8-14	23,013	20,703
Eddie Stobart	REPS(I)	8-14	65,520	58,975
John G Russell	REPS(I)	14-8	74,850	72,754
John G Russell	RESP(I)	1-14	8,000	7,200
John G Russell	REPS(I)	1-14	64800	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	18-11	45,182	40,660
Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-11	49,329	34,062
Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-5	8,668	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	17-14	795,452	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-5	59,745	5,082
Freightliner	REPS(I)	2-1	80,948	0

Freightliner	REPS(I)	1-14	308,617	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	18-14	120,643	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	11-8	1,840	0
Freightliner	REPS(I)	17-13	77,810	0
TOTAL			2,127,592	486,538

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2. 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 (£)	
			08/09	09/10
EWS (Agg)	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Dereham	33,688	24,069
EWS (Agg)	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Wissington	33,619	30,256
EWS (Agg)	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Sandy	8,101	3,830
EWS (Agg)	REPS(B)	Dove Holes-Bury St Edmunds	16,394	14,795
EWS (Agg)	REPS(B)	Mendips-Parkeston	14,168	12,751
EWS (Agg)	REPS(B)	Mendips-Eastleigh	79,776	71,798
TOTAL			185,746	71,798

These awards would remove the equivalent of 14,000 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