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The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Announces National Green Port Trucks Partnership with U.S. EPA SmartWay

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Coalition for Responsible Transportation announced today that it has formed a partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) SmartWay Transport Program to help develop a national SmartWay certification program and rating system for port drayage trucks.

CRT also announced today that it has been officially certified by the U.S. EPA as a SmartWay Transport Partnership Affiliate member.

"I commend the Coalition for Responsible Transportation for their leadership in promoting sustainable transportation practices through the SmartWay Transport Partnership", said Margo T. Oge, Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality for the U.S. EPA. "This demonstrates a commitment to a cleaner environment and more secure energy supply."

Through its partnership with SmartWay, CRT has convened a working group consisting of major national shippers, ocean carriers, and port drayage providers to provide recommendations to the SmartWay program as to the development of a certification and rating system for green port drayage trucks that will build upon the immensely successful SmartWay Transport model that the U.S. EPA has created for over-the-road freight transportation.

The drayage rating system will provide a national framework to measure emissions levels of port trucking activities, set benchmarks for air quality improvement at our nation's ports, and certify emission reductions that are achieved through the deployment of clean port trucks by members of the shipping industry.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with the U.S. EPA to help expand the SmartWay program's reach into port trucking operations," said CRT President Rick Gabrielson, who serves as Director of Import Transportation for Target. "Creating a SmartWay certification and rating system for port trucking will be a tremendous step forward in the effort to deploy clean trucks at our nation's ports and will provide well deserved recognition to industry leaders who demonstrate commitment to air quality improvements in their port drayage activities."

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Initially, the SmartWay port drayage model will be developed based on air quality and truck fleet data that has been collected through clean truck deployments at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which collectively represent the largest U.S. seaport for ocean freight. The goal is to ultimately use the model developed in Southern California as a template for a SmartWay port drayage rating system that would be used on a national level, and could be individually tailored to major seaports across the country. In less than two years, leading shippers, ocean carriers and drayage companies have financed and deployed nearly 5,000 clean trucks at the Ports of LA and Long Beach.

About the Coalition for Responsible Transportation:

Since its inception in 2007, the Coalition for Responsible Transportation (CRT) has grown to include leading importers, exporters, trucking companies and ocean carriers who represent the largest and most progressive customers and service providers at our nation's ports. CRT member companies are committed to responsible stewardship of the environment and to taking leadership roles within their respective industries in the development of transportation related environmental initiatives.

CRT represents companies who are using their market power to drive change that will result in significant improvements in air quality and has been involved in the development and implementation of industry-supported clean truck programs around the country. The private sector members of CRT are investing millions of dollars in the deployment of new, clean equipment in partnership with federal and state governments, and local ports around the country.

CRT's membership is comprised of national shippers including Target, Best Buy, Converse, Dunavant Enterprises, Gap Inc., The Home Depot, HP, JC Penney, Lowe's, Nike, and Wal-Mart Stores; ocean carriers including NYK Group Companies, Hanjin Shipping, and "K" Line America; and drayage providers and equipment manufacturers including California Multimodal, LLC, Container Connection, Green Fleet Systems, GSC Logistics, Intermodal Bridge Transport, PDS Trucking, Performance Team, Southern Counties Express, Total Transportation Services, Inc., and Westport.

About the U.S. EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership:

In 2004, EPA launched SmartWaySM — an innovative brand that represents environmentally cleaner, more fuel efficient transportation options.

In its simplest form, the SmartWay brand identifies products and services that reduce transportation-related emissions. However, the impact of the brand is much greater as the SmartWay brand signifies a partnership among government, business and consumers to protect our environment, reduce fuel consumption, and improve our air quality for future generations.

All of EPA SmartWay transportation programs result in significant, measurable air quality and/or greenhouse gas improvements while maintaining or improving current levels of other emissions and/or pollutants.