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Cascade Sierra Solutions Wins 2008 US EPA SmartWay Environmental Excellence Award



Award Recipients Reduce Harmful Diesel Emissions, Improve the Environment, and Companies' Bottom-line.

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Cascade Sierra Solutions (CSS), headquartered in Coburg, OR, has received the 2008 Environmental Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency SmartWaySM Transport Partnership for its leadership in conserving energy and lowering greenhouse gas emissions from its transportation and freight activities.

CSS is one of 27 companies and organizations, from among the Partnerships' more than 1000 Partners, to receive this award. CSS is the only SmartWay Affiliate company to be recognized for all three years that the US EPA has presented the awards. The awards were announced today at the annual conference of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals in Denver, Colorado.

CSS operates educational outreach centers at popular truck stops along the I-5 corridor of Washington, Oregon, and California featuring SmartWay upgrade technologies for diesel trucks. Since its inception in 2006, the non-profit organization has placed fuel saving upgrades on over 1550 heavy-duty diesel trucks, replaced over 350 older trucks with newer, cleaner vehicles saving more than 2.8 million gallons of fuel and reducing carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming by over 28,000 metric tons.

"EPA is pleased to recognize these SmartWay Partners with a 2008 Excellence Award. I commend Cascade Sierra Solutions for its leadership in promoting sustainable transportation practices through the SmartWay Transport Partnership", said Margo T. Oge, Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA. "Their commitment is helping lead us toward a cleaner environment and more secure energy supply."

"We measure our success by the number of truck owners we can help obtain fuel saving equipment upgrades to make them more profitable, stay in compliance with clean air regulations, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels," said Sharon Banks, CEO. "The SmartWay Transport Partnership provides us with tools and information on a daily basis to make significant improvements in our efficiency and environmental performance. We urge all of our colleagues in the freight industry to consider joining SmartWay."

SmartWay was introduced by EPA in 2004 as an innovative, market-based partnership to reduce fuel use, greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollutants from the freight sector. Today, more than 1000 businesses and organizations have joined the Partnership, from Fortune 500 companies to family-owned businesses, working together to improve their environmental performance. Through the SmartWay Partnership, these companies, including Cascade Sierra Solutions are conserving almost 600 million gallons of diesel fuel per year, saving the trucking industry at least \$2.5 billion

in annual fuel and maintenance costs, and eliminating an estimated 6.8 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

By 2012, the SmartWay program, with full industry participation, estimates nationwide that it will achieve annual fuel savings of 3.3 to 6.6 billion gallons of diesel fuel, eliminating 33 - 66 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions and up to 200,000 tons of emissions from oxides of nitrogen.

For more information about SmartWay visit:
www.epa.gov/smartway or call (734) 214-4767.

For more information about Cascade Sierra Solutions, visit:
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Cascade Sierra Solutions (CSS) is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that identifies, promotes, and finances the use of clean diesel technologies, reducing fuel usage and harmful exhaust emissions from medium and heavy-duty diesel engines. Our mission is to improve air quality, combat climate change, improve community health, reduce our nation's oil dependence, and promote economic justice.