THE HOME DEPOT RECEIVES U.S. EPA 2013 SMARTWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD

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Award Recipients are Top Program Performers and Leaders for Freight Supply Chain

ATLANTA, November 14, 2013 -- The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, was honored with a SmartWay® Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a true industry leader in freight supply chain environmental performance and energy efficiency. The Home Depot demonstrated top environmental performance by effectively hauling all freight with environmentally and energy efficient SmartWay carriers.

"We're honored to be recognized by SmartWay for our efforts, and welcome this opportunity to reinforce our continued commitment at The Home Depot to serve as leaders in the freight industry as we all work towards more environmentally and energy efficient operations," said Michelle Livingstone, vice president of transportation at The Home Depot.

The Home Depot was one of 55 companies to receive this distinction, representing the best environmental performers of SmartWay's 3000-plus Partners. The Excellence Awardees were honored at the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals annual conference held in Denver, Colorado.

"EPA is pleased to recognize the 2013 SmartWay Excellence Award recipients. I commend The Home Depot for its superior environmental performance and leadership in advancing freight sector efficiency," said Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator. "Their commitment is helping lead the freight industry to a more sustainable future."

About The Home Depot

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,260 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2012, The Home Depot had sales of $74.8 billion and earnings of $4.5 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

About SmartWay

EPA launched SmartWay in 2004 to help business improve the sustainability of their freight supply chains. Today the Partnership consists of more than 3,000 Partners, representing a cross section of the freight supply chain industry. As of today, SmartWay Partners have saved 65 million barrels of oil. This is equivalent to taking over 5 million cars off the road for an entire year. SmartWay's clean air achievements (28 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, 478,000 tons nitrogen oxides, and 22,000 tons of particulate matter reduced so far) help protect the health and well-being of citizens while contributing to our nation's economic and energy security.

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List of Excellence Award recipients: http://www.epa.gov/smartway/partner-resources/awards.htm

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