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FIRSTEXPRESS JOINS U.S. EPA SMARTWAY TRANSPORT[®] PARTNERSHIP

Nashville, TN – FirstExpress today announced that it joined the SmartWaySM Transport Partnership, a innovative collaboration between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the freight industry designed to increase energy efficiency while significantly reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution. **FirstExpress** will contribute to the Partnership’s goal to reduce 33 to 66 million metric tons of carbon dioxide and up to 200,000 tons of nitrogen oxide per year by 2012 by improving the environmental performance of our freight operations. Carbon dioxide is the most common greenhouse gas, and nitrogen oxide is an air pollutant that contributes to smog. By joining SmartWay Transport Partnership, **FirstExpress** demonstrates its strong environmental leadership and corporate responsibility.

“This collaborative effort spearheaded by the EPA is a necessary and important process for the trucking industry as a whole. We look forward to even more environmentally friendly technology that will be available in the coming years and we will always strive to be on the forefront of these advances.” said Bo Keith, Vice President.

Launched in February 2004, the SmartWay Transport Partnership aims to achieve fuel savings of up to 150 million barrels of fuel per year. The Partnership brings together major freight shippers, trucking companies, railroads, logistics companies and trade/professional associations to pursue mutually beneficial efficiencies that result in emissions reductions and other environmental improvements, as well as cost savings to the companies. The Partnership currently has more than 1,000 partners.

FirstExpress provides companies with nationwide turnkey transportation and dedicated delivery services. Our customers benefit from our ability to flexibly design and execute door to door deliveries via an extensive distribution and domicile network. For more information about **FirstExpress**, visit www.FirstExpress.net or call 800-848-9203.

For information about the SmartWay Transport Partnership visit www.epa.gov/smartway.