



OPTIMIZING SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS

Even small gains in business practice, process, organization and/or technology can deliver powerful bottom-line results. The challenge faced by most companies is not identifying the problem, but rather, identifying easily implemented, high return solutions. A company's order fulfillment operation is a high opportunity place to begin its supply-chain optimization.

Are any of the following issues negatively affecting you operational bottom line?

- Inventory level is too high or turns too low – below industry standard.
- High level of distressed or obsolete inventory.
- Inefficient warehouse management – visual management, manual decisions, redundant handling.
- Operating costs too high.
- Transportation operations are inefficient.
- Distribution operations are in a continuous reactionary mode.
- Poor service levels to your customers – internal & external.
- Lack of trust in information system data.
- And the list goes on ... each siphoning profits from the company.

Oracular can help with its "Supply Chain Systems Assessment. Our supply chain experts are experience business professionals that have managed supply chain operations for industry leading companies. They will document issues, identify the performance bottlenecks and develop recommendations to resolve each issue. A summary description of assessment activities and deliverable follows:

A limited On-site Engagement (based on complexity and scope)

2-Step Process:

Step 1 - High level interview of stake holders

- a. Determine scope of process assessment

Step 2 - Business process assessment (Examples)

- b. Operational process review
- c. Order fulfillment
- d. Warehouse operations
- e. Transportation, if applicable
- f. Inventory management practices
- g. Inventory replenishment policies
- h. Review of Information Systems applications in use.

Oracular delivers an Assessment Finding that documents recommendations for improving performance through adjustments in practice, process, organization or technology level. Changes to practice are those affecting how processes are performed; process changes address the underlying rules by which business is conducted; organization recommendations focus on structure and culture to deliver the intended result; while the technology recommendations suggest hardware and application improvements which can be made to support the desired state of operational efficiency.

The cost of the assessment, as well as, the cost to selectively implement the resulting recommendations will be returned through improved supply chain operations. The average return on investment is less than 12 months.