

"Understanding the importance and value of a reputable warehousing & distribution partner early in the business process is critical toward reducing costs and increasing efficiency"

—Tom Lentz, Director of Warehouse Services

- **1. Reduce costs and capital investments.** Lower operational costs, reduce inventory, and reduce cycle times by partnering with a trusted 3PL company. Besides primarily storing products in a warehouse, select a company that also offers added solutions including: preparing items for consolidation, as well as assembling, packing, labeling and shipping finished goods directly to your customers.
- **2. Flexibility with industry expertise.** Whether your business cycle is seasonal or ongoing, partnering with an experienced third-party can help you optimize your overall supply and demand requirements. Key advantages of partnering with a 3PL company include flexible lease terms, industry best practices, and added solutions specific to your business goals.
- **3. Scalability for your rapidly changing business.** Growing and shrinking business cycles can be unpredictable and costly. You will need a company who has a proven track record in making strategic adjustments and optimizing performance with both large and small clients. Identify a company that can efficiently scale their operations to evolve with your fluctuating needs.
- **4. Geography and proximity to your customers.** Location, location, location! Eliminate shipping items from multiple facilities, and select a centrally located warehouse that can also provide customized solutions for both inbound and outbound operations. Selecting a warehouse with convenient access to ports is a key benefit for receiving, storing, and distributing goods to your customers.
- **5. Lean process and continuous improvement.** When you outsource warehousing & distribution to an experienced 3PL, you can spend more time focusing on important business initiatives that give you a competitive advantage in the market. Partner with a proven company whose people, systems, and processes are a good fit for your business model.

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