

BRIAN TOPA

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SUMMARY

Supply chain and logistics professional with eight years of experience in logistics, distribution and wholesale operations. Combines deep industry knowledge with direct experience in data analytics, domestic/ international logistics and warehouse management. Proficient in a variety of logistic, analytic and inventory management software both proprietary and commercial.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Advanced Excel and Access knowledge • ERP/ WMS/ TMS Management • Inventory Forecasting • Warehouse Management • Vendor Relations • Freight and Purchasing Analysis • Adobe Creative Suite

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS | Windsor, CO

Logistics Specialist/ Analyst

2018 – PRESENT

Responsible for oversight of assigned domestic and international shipments while supporting logistics team handling \$150M per year in freight spend. Manage and direct our external supply chain partners in order to execute all inbound purchasing shipments while providing cost and performance analysis in order to meet expectations and satisfy inventory demand.

- Work as part of the logistics team to develop and execute strategies, manage logistics vendors and support purchasing department while achieving individual goals
- Assist in the development and maintenance of databases, spreadsheets and proprietary systems as requested by management
- Monitor international and domestic freight shipments to ensure compliance
- Coordinate with buyers, sales and production on vendor capacity, timing and cost
- Perform cost analysis, maintain vendor metrics and ensure mode optimization to maximize efficiencies
- Claim management from inception through the final resolution process
- Collaborate and work cross functionally with all levels of the company to achieve objectives and provide issue resolution.

INTERNATIONAL BEAMS | Sarasota, FL

Logistics Coordinator II

2016-2018

Hired as lead coordinator of the transportation team to support company's international and domestic logistics needs. Coordinated the movement of raw materials and finished product from multiple Canadian locations to plants and customers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

- Coordinate the movement of both domestic and international freight via common carrier, rail and ocean shipping while following DOT, C-TPAT and international customs regulations
- Develop carrier base, negotiate vendor rates, maintain lane data and verify contracted prices are charged accordingly
- Manage shipper data regarding price, quality, service and on-time delivery
- Operate industry specific databases including ERP, TMS and load design software
- Work in a cross-functional team and coordinate with sales, production, buyers and accounts payable
- Generate reports as needed for management, corporate office and mills

POOLCORP/ SCP DISTRIBUTORS | Sarasota, FL

Warehouse Operations Manager

2012 – 2016

Responsible for daily operations of a wholesale swimming pool products DC. Monitor inventory flow while managing and directing warehouse employees on proper shipping and receiving procedures, inventory management methods, and safe operations.

- P&L responsibility for company fleet, warehouse expense and freight cost within corporate guidelines
- Reduce excess inventory, control stock outs and manage vendor claims
- Responsible for cycle count program and yearly inventory process
- Work daily with regional purchasing to maintain optimal stock levels
- Manage freight expense and approve invoices/ freight bills for payment; manage accounts payable discrepancies in a timely manner
- Confer with vendors and freight carriers to obtain product or service information such as price, availability, and delivery schedule
- Assist in the sales and retention of company accounts via excellent customer service
- Hire and train employees to ensure proper warehouse procedures are followed

EDUCATION

PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST | Westville, IN

Bachelor of Science, Business Management

2006 – 2011