

Dear Camila,

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Newsletter

How Effective is Your Supply Chain Organization?

Find out by answering 30 simple, Yes/No questions.

Our Self-Assessment Checklist, which was recently published in the UAE magazine LOGae, is quick, easy, enjoyable, and high-impact.



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From Famine to Feast: Assuring "Surge" Capacity

Everybody has been challenged to adjust to the recent economic volatility. First we had to downsize, then add capacity back. Unfortunately for some, adding capacity back has been hard or even impossible, as the workers that were let go were unavailable or the plants that were shuttered or sold cannot be brought back online at a reasonable cost. Therefore, many companies are now trying to implement capacity strategies that allow them to flexibly adjust both upward and downward to changes in demand to ensure their viability through the next turbulent economic cycle.

Learn tricks for coping with volatility in our article on:

["Using Flexible Capacity Techniques to Thrive in a Volatile Economy".](#)

Upcoming Presentations

Participate in these upcoming Boston Strategies International events:

April 22: "[Rails, Roads, Water and Air: Logistics, Inventory and Distribution](#)," Live Televised Panel Discussion, Institute for Supply Management, Phoenix AZ (USA).

May 18: "[Sourcing 2010 and Beyond](#)," Roundtable on Sourcing, Boston APICS Dinner Meeting, Waltham MA (USA).

May 26: "[Future Management Organization for Mediterranean Ports and the Maritime Sector](#)," 8th Mediterranean Logistics and Transport Forum, Barcelona (Spain).

June 15: "[Basics of Supply Chain Risk](#)," APICS, Providence RI (USA).

June 16: "[Success Stories in Supplier Development](#)," APICS South Shore Chapter, Taunton MA (USA).

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Free Research & Analysis

- [Shape of the Recovery: W-Shaped or Long Wave?](#)
- [Electric Motors: Economic Outlook and Strategies for Success in 2010](#)
- [2010 Logistics Rate Outlook: Panel of Experts \(Streaming Video\)](#)
- [2010 Logistics Rate Outlook: Interview Highlights \(Logistics Magazine\)](#)

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Meet Mayank Agarwal

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