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Leveraging an expansive career in 3rd party logistics operations and finance with DSC Logistics, (now CJ Logistics), Rick is now consulting in various logistics and supply chain capacities.

After receiving an MBA in Finance from Loyola of Chicago, Rick established DSC's Financial Planning and Analysis Department, creating analytical tools to support operational decisions, and establishing profitability reporting systems. He created DSC's first Activity Based Cost methodology which substantially enhanced competitive bidding. He provided financial analysis support for DSC's warehousing, transportation, and consolidation operations and handled assignments in real estate lease management, tax abatement, and profit-sharing administration in his broadly defined financial role.

Rick transitioned into logistics operations, holding bottom line responsibility for several regional and national customer operations. Using his analytical expertise, he transformed profitability and service performance for his operations through leadership development and data analytics. He created analytic based tools to stimulate efficiency and accountability in operations, while providing real-time information to decision makers. As a member of the DSC Logistics Supply Chain Council, Rick participated in defining supply chain operations strategy. Industry verticals include consumer packaged goods, healthcare, and paper.

Consulting assignments have tapped into Rick's diverse background in logistics. For a large truck parts manufacturer Rick advised on the impact that their plant retooling plan would have on the storage and handling costs that included significant changes to material flow and kitting processes. He helped a large electrical contractor convert their pre-fabrication processes to Lean Six Sigma manufacturing concepts, including workflow mapping, Failure Mode & Effects Analysis, Control Plans, and other control processes. He helped one fast growing client in the restaurant industry design and set up their first warehouse. For a parts distributor, he helped re-design their pack and ship area to improve flow and improve pack station efficiency to accommodate their e-commerce growth.

Rick is a member of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals and is a longtime volunteer for the local Roundtable. He has served as President and Scholarship Chair for two local collegiate logistics scholarships.