



Hot Topic Session Abstract
Annual Executive Business Forum
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Session title:

NEW: Supply Chain Research in Action

Session lead and facilitator:

Kurt Cavano, Founder and President, Infor GT Nexus Commerce Network

Panel discussion:

Mark Hager, VP, Distribution Centers, Ferguson Enterprises

Matt Parry, SVP of Werner Logistics, Werner Enterprises

Michael Parsley, SVP Distribution & Logistics, Tailored Brands

Todd Steffen, Managing Director Supply Chain & Logistics, Colliers International

Chip White, Ph.D., Schneider National Chair of Transportation & Logistics, Georgia Institute of Technology

Session description:

The SCLA has launched a new initiative called Supply Chain Research in Action, which focuses on novel solutions to supply chain problems and shows how companies are confronting the disruptions they face from technology, manufacturing practices and business processes. Supply Chain Research in Action (SCRA) aims to make research practical by creating partnerships between academia and industry as well as between businesses. Our first session will focus on the future and the technologies and processes that are disrupting the way we do business. Kurt Cavano will open the session with a peek into the future, and panelists will provide examples of how SCLA companies and universities are partnering to prepare for and face future supply chain challenges.

In this session you will gain the secrets of...

- The necessity of supply chains to evolve
- How SCLA companies are both leading the innovations and responding to the challenges of tomorrow
- The balance between vision and action needed to react to today's challenges
- How academia and the private sector can complement one another when focused on a common goal