

TRACK 2: BEST PRACTICES IN MANAGING & OPTIMIZING INVENTORY

Tuesday, September 28, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Amphitheater Two

Chair: Stephen Crane & Blake Jones

Title: Multi Echelon Inventory Optimization

Session Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the principals of multi-echelon replenishment
- Gain an appreciation of the best practices to achieving optimal inventory levels while not sacrificing customer service

Education Level: Intermediate & Advanced

Abstract:

The need to have the proper amount of inventory to support the desired level of service to consumers is the primary inventory optimization driver for wholesale and retail companies. Supply chains today often require complex, multi echelon, multi channel supply networks to fulfill the needs of their customers. This session will describe techniques to find the optimal inventory investment balance while satisfying service goals and still fit into the enterprises overall optimization scheme.

Speakers:

- Greg Beck, VP of Purchasing, **O'Reilly AutoParts**
- Andy Clarke, President & CEO, **Panther Expedited Services, Inc.**
- Rod Daugherty, Senior Director- Product Strategy, **Manhattan Associates**

Key words:

- Forecasting/Planning, Inventory, Technology