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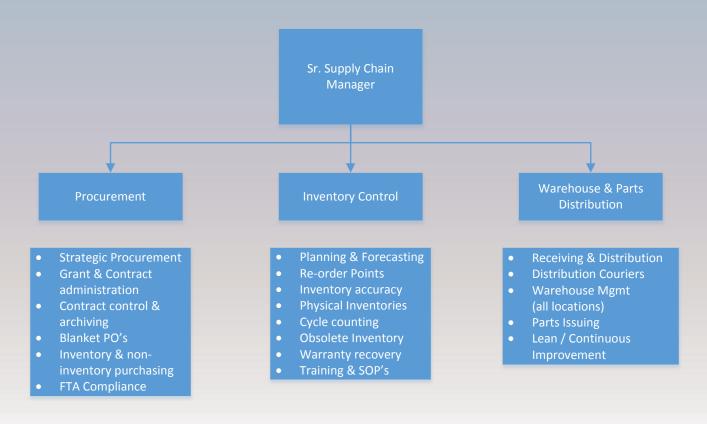
# Supply Chain Best Practices in Transit





#### UTA's Supply Chain Organization

(Cradle-to-Grave Management)







#### **Customer Focus**

- Partnering with Maintenance

## "What they need, When they need it!"

- Shared KPI's & Goals
  - Inventory dollars
  - Vehicles Down for Parts
  - Direct Labor %
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time availability
- Monthly Supply Chain & Maint. Forum (Issues & Best practices)
- Buyers attend weekly staff meetings (communication)



## Best Practice Project — Thop Supplies

#### **Before:**

- All UTA shop supplies managed in inventory (over 2,345 Part #'s)
- Over 700 PO's for shop supplies in £13

Help

**Item** received & stored at Warehouse

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#### Best Practice – Vending Machine VMI

#### Solution

- Utilize "Vending Machine" technology at Point-of-use for high volume shop supplies
- Vendor Managed
   Inventory of non-vended, slower moving items on shelf
- Incorporate "Tool Check-Out" of UTA owned specialty tools



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## Vending Machine VMI Benefits

- 24/7, point-of-use access
- Inventory is on consignment until dispensed
- Supplier monitors and stocks inventory twice weekly
- Employees can vend using their badge at any UTA location.







#### VMI Benefits - Cont'd

 VMI of other supplies not stocked in the machines (lower use)

- Multiple reporting capabilities
- Real-time visibility of stock levels
- Minimized walking distance
- No wait times at parts counter
- Mechanics are "turning wrenches", not getting supplies







## VMI Savings for UTA

**Estimated Total Labor Savings** 

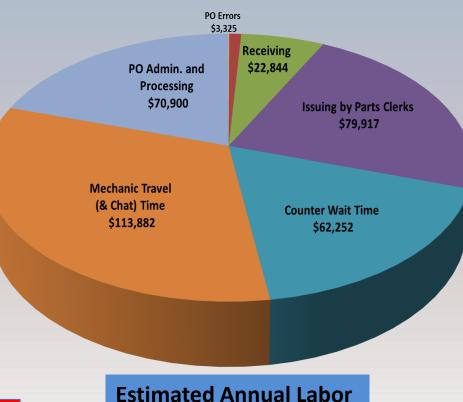
#### After:

- 75% reduction in Process Steps
- 93% Reduction in Shop Supply PO's
- 15% Reduction in warehouse space

Order
Trigger
via EDI

Employee
Purchase

Only 1 UTA Step



Savings: \$353,225

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#### What Now?

- Utilize Parts Clerks time
  - Deliver Parts to Mechanics
  - Create "Kits" for standard Preventive Maintenance jobs.
  - Daily Cycle Counts

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