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A citizen of USA, Canada and Finland, Jack has over 30 years of supply chain management experience with five Fortune 500 firms. His career has included stints in consulting, manufacturing, and third party logistics; jobs have ranged from direct supervision of Teamsters and Longshoremen at 23 years of age, to Senior Vice President of Operations at a multi-billion dollar international company heading up a \$200 million division with 800 employees. Jack has extensive knowledge of the food industry working 25 consecutive years for member firms of the Grocery Manufacturers of America. He spent most of the 90's as Vice President of Purchasing & Logistics for Rich Products in Buffalo.

Jack is a regular speaker on supply chain issues and trends making over 50 hours of presentations annually to management groups. In 2004 he spoke at Oklahoma University, University of Massachusetts and on behalf of the US Agency for International Development at the first logistics conference ever held in Ghana Africa. Additionally, Jack serves as Executive-in-Residence for the School of Business at Niagara University. He writes on supply chain related issues for trade journals with recent articles appearing in Refrigerated & Frozen Foods, Frozen Foods Digest and Supply Chain Management Review.

In addition to heading up SCO which specializes in supply chain efficiencies and logistics strategy, Jack is also a principal in Equity Partners and an officer of Refrigerated Warehouse Marketing Group. He serves on the editorial advisory board for Supply Chain Management Review and the Business School Dean's councils at Niagara University and the University of Massachusetts. Jack was a member of the advisory committee to authors Saul Pilnick and Jo-Ellen Gabel for their book titled The Shadow Organization [Managing Culture Change in Logistics] which was recently published by the Council of Logistics Management. He moderated Niagara University's annual Logistics Conference in 2002 & 2003 and was keynote speaker in 2004.

Jack has been certified in Transportation and Logistics by the American Society of Transportation and Logistics (ASTL), in Customer Service by the International Customer Service Association (ICSA) and in Purchasing Management by the National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM). He has held officer positions with ASTL, NAPM, and the Canadian American Border Trade Alliance, where he co-chaired the Transportation Committee for five years; Jack served on the Logistics Committee of the Grocery Manufacturers of America for over ten years. He has testified before U.S. Congress as a transportation expert and has been featured on the cover of Logistics Management magazine in Sept' 98.