

# INBOUND FREIGHT MANAGEMENT

Successfully Manage Vendor and Third-Party Shipment Costs

For many shippers, inbound freight can account for a large percentage of transportation costs. Oftentimes, vendors book shipments at-will with the carrier of their choosing, meaning higher rates and higher shipment frequency. The associated costs can quickly add up. By pulling inbound freight into a managed solution, there are ways to help control these costs and better manage vendor and third-party shipments. Since your supply chain is unique, we offer ways to customize the solution to best fit your long-term needs.

## INBOUND ROUTING MANAGEMENT

Using your specific contracts, our team of Inbound Routing Specialists manages vendor and third-party shipments from quoting through delivery. Vendors utilize an easy-to-use online submission form and our team optimizes each shipment to ensure rate, delivery, and insurance requirements are met at the lowest cost available.

- >> *Freight cost reduction through the use of program contracts vs. vendor rates*
- >> *Visibility into inbound and third-party shipments and historical data*
- >> *Engaged team of specialists dedicated to successfully managing your inbound program*

## P.O. VERIFICATION

In order to help our clients more tightly manage their inbound freight and local inventory, we offer a P.O. verification program for those who wish to confirm all inbound shipments before booking. Clients who utilize this service provide a list of pre-approved P.O. numbers and inbound shipments are only booked if the vendor provides an approved number. The P.O. number is attached to the shipment BOL for easy reference, and data is used for business intelligence analysis and review.

- 1 PRE-APPROVE P.O. NUMBERS
- 2 VENDOR REQUESTS SHIPMENT
- 3 CONFIRM NUMBER IS APPROVED
- 4 BOOK VENDOR SHIPMENT

## VENDOR COMPLIANCE

Ultimately, vendor compliance with your inbound routing program is essential to achieve cost savings and increase supply chain optimization. Through our comprehensive business intelligence, clients gain visibility into vendor shipments and compliance. Periodically, you'll receive reporting that identifies non-compliant vendors and the associated costs, allowing you to approach vendors, increase compliance, and reduce extra expenses over time.

**An average 26%  
of freight moves  
inbound**

On average, shippers optimize outbound freight at 65%, but only optimize inbound freight 41% of the time.