

## Greetings!

Recent raw material price volatility has hit budgets hard. Prices of metals, wood products, paper, packaging, and fuel —just to name a few commodity-based materials— have all increased markedly. Labor costs may be the next to take off. Boston Logistics Group's study explores how best-in-class companies are adjusting their procurement and budgeting practices to cope with today's economic volatility. This session will outline conventional as well as innovative tools and processes that leading companies are using to manage volatile prices and material unavailability. [Register for this webcast, which will take place next Monday July 23rd, at 9:00 AM EST.](#)

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## Upcoming Presentations

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*July 23, 2007:* Budgeting for Volatility, at 9:00AM EST. Click [here](#) to register for this webcast.

*August 7, 2007:* Energy Prices Reshaping the Supply Chain, at 9:00AM EST. Click [here](#) to register for this webcast.

*August 21, 2007:* Benchmarking Your Supply Chain Savings, at 9:00AM EST. Click [here](#) to register for this webcast.

*September 18, 2007:* Is there ROI in RFID? at 9:00AM EST. Click [here](#) to register for this webcast.

*September 24-25, 2007:* Energy Prices and the Supply Chain: Charting a New Course, [Midwest Manufacturing Conference and Exhibition](#), Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL.



## Budgeting for Volatility



### Economic Risk

Would you sign a five-year agreement? What information would you use to decide?

### Country Risk

How much spending should you source from Asia? Europe? America? How would you factor in political, economic, and supplier risk?

### Supplier Risk

How many suppliers should you have? How would you decide on the optimal number?

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*September 26-29, 2007:* Multimodal Synergy: Integrated Capability in Logistics and Transportation, [4th Thai Ports & Shipping 2007](#), Bangkok, Thailand.

*October 21-22, 2007:* How to Leverage the Dubai Logistics Connection, [2007 Global Transportation Supply Chain and Logistics Conference](#), Dubai, UAE.

*October 31, 2007:* Management: Latest Developments in Supply Chain and Global Logistics Industry, Parcel Shipping and Distribution Forum, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL.

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### Free Research and Forecasts

- [Logistics of Global Outsourcing](#)
- [Is There ROI in RFID?](#)
- [RFID: Case Studies in ROI](#)
- [The New Face of Purchasing](#)
- [Innovation: Transforming Business](#)
- [Personalisation: Transforming Business](#)
- [Business 2010: Retailing Embracing Change](#)
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- [High-Impact Sourcing: Precision Guided Strategies](#)
- [The Asian Sourcing Boom: How Long Will It Last?](#)
- [On the Cutting Edge of Strategic Sourcing](#)
- [RFID: Enhancing Forecast Accuracy](#)
- [RFID: Revolutionizing Ground Handling Operations](#)
- [RFID and Supply Chain Security](#)
- [Thinking Big: Mid-Sized Companies and Growth](#)
- [Unleashing the Power of Customer Data](#)
- [Foresight 2020: Economic and Corporate Trends](#)
- [Energy Prices Reshaping the Supply Chain \(Audio CD\)](#)
- [Asian Sourcing Boom: How Long Will It Last \(Audio CD\)](#)
- [Benchmarking Your Supply Chain Savings \(Audio CD\)](#)
- [Focus on the Right Suppliers](#)
- [Managing Supply Risk](#)
- [Measuring Sourcing Performance: What's the Mystery?](#)
- [Mitigating Raw Material Price Increases](#)
- [The New Economics of Partnering](#)
- [Mega-Sourcing: Do You Have the Skills?](#)
- [Offshore Sourcing \(Interview with HR Executive\)](#)



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### Useful Links

- [2007 Ptak Prize - Winning Entry](#)
- [ISCEA's Ptak Prize for Supply Chain Excellence - Application Form](#)
- [Institute for Supply Management's \(ISM\) Transportation and Logistics Group](#)
- [2007 Northeast Supply Chain Conference and Exhibition](#)
- [Boston APICS Schedule of Events](#)



### Previous Newsletters

- [Asian Sourcing Boom](#)
- [4th Annual Sourcing Study](#)
- [Energy & the Supply Chain](#)
- [Is There ROI in RFID?](#)
- [The Role of Supply Market Forecasts](#)
- [The Supply Chain of 2030](#)
- [The Asian Sourcing Boom](#)
- [Sourcing Intelligence at its Best](#)
- [Thought Leadership](#)

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