



## Inbound Materials Management

Adopting supply chain management processes is now recognized by logistics managers, purchasing directors, and CEOs as a prime objective for improving business. Foreway Transportation has developed a system designed to help West Michigan manufacturers achieve this objective—Vendor Connect.

Vendor Connect is designed to reduce freight and warehousing costs by synchronizing the flow of inbound raw material and components required for the manufacturing process.

Traditional supply chains rely on multiple LTL shipments, arriving at the manufacturer's dock

at various times and often requiring storage until the item is needed for production. Vendor Connect replaces this inefficient, vendor-driven scenario with a scheduled truckload that integrates shipments from multiple vendors. Vendor Connect assures that the right amount of material is delivered at the time required by the manufacturer.

Working closely with your purchasing staff and production planners, Foreway coordinates a daily "sweep," picking up from each vendor the required materials for a same day, scheduled delivery to your manufacturing site.

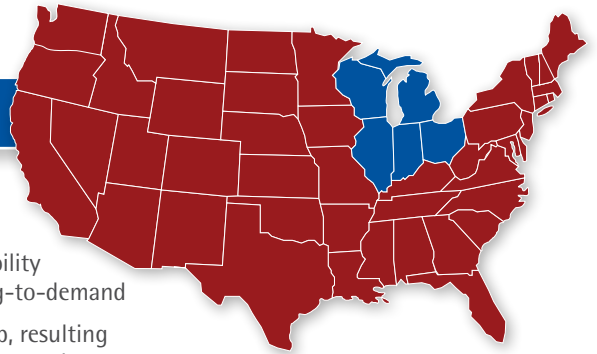
Why not improve your inbound product flow with proven supply chain management—Vendor Connect.

Contact us for additional information.

## Vendor Connect Benefits

Compared to traditional replenish processes, Vendor Connect offers significant benefits:

- Lower overall costs in a total cost perspective: transportation, warehousing, administration, and production downtime
- Eliminate claims from multiple handling and cross docking
- Better utilization of facilities by converting warehousing to productive space
- Higher quality, more profitable production
- Resulting from shortened cycle times and fewer stockouts
- Support the manufacturing flexibility and agility required for producing-to-demand
- Improved core carrier relationship, resulting in improved transportation services and problem resolution
- Benchmark performance against higher standards for complete, on-time order fulfillment



## Vendor Connect vs. Traditional LTL Inbound

Same Day Delivery .....	Overnight/2-Day Delivery
Controlled by Manufacturer .....	Controlled by Vendor
Single Delivery .....	Multiple Deliveries
No Storage .....	Storage Required



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