

3PL RFP CHECKLIST

Looking for the right 3PL for your operation is a large undertaking. With so many options to consider, it's important to take stock of what every 3PL can offer before even requesting a Request for Proposal (RFP). As you look at varying 3PLs, make an assessment of their offerings based on the list below. If they check off all the items to your satisfaction, then they are likely a worthy contender for the next step, an RFP.

COMPANY OVERVIEW		TYPES OF SHIPMENTS THEY HANDLE WELL		SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Locations (to match desired supply chain network)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full pallets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial viability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full cases	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Key references	<input type="checkbox"/>	Each picking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special packaging
<input type="checkbox"/>	Company culture matches your culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of order lines (eg: some 3PLs don't do well beyond 1-3 lines per order)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apparel (style, size, color)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reliable labor pool				

TECHNOLOGY		KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced WMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost (transactional, cost plus, special projects)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automated billing needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accuracy (order, inventory)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integration methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speed (dock to stock, order delivery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visibility (inventory, transactions, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency (labor and resource utilization)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Space utilization

Of course, not everybody has time or the bandwidth to take on such a search, which is where we can help. If you're looking for assistance evaluating, vetting, and selecting the right 3PL for your operation, [reach out today!](#)