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New Director of IT Brings Game Changing Perspective to 3PL

MELVINDALE, Mich. January. 26, 2017 — The world of logistics and supply chain is seeing some drastic changes and is projected to see more in 2018. The bulk of these changes are customer driven, and centered around the utilization of technology. As a 3PL that has been in business since 1929, Evans is no stranger to innovation and adaptation. Evans has brought on Michael Franklin, Ph.D, an IT guru with more than 25 years of experience in information technology, to stay ahead of the curve.

Franklin holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Ph.D. in Medical Physiology and Biochemistry, both from Wayne State University. He has tremendous experience in improving technology processes and finding innovative solutions to operational challenges. Franklin brings to the table a vast knowledge of technical topics spanning engineering, IT and healthcare. This is especially important in the realm of logistics today, as technological advances have changed the landscape of the supply chain, and become more and more necessary.

"I'm excited to be part of a strong team and experienced company that is making great strides to stay on top of technology" said Franklin in an interview with Derek Byrd, Marketing Manager at Evans Distribution Systems. Franklin went on to say that he sees Evans "being a leader in developing Business Intelligence (BI) technology to enhance customer supply chains".

John Evans, president at Evans Distribution Systems said, "Mike is excellent at creating technology driven solutions to every-day issues, and is a real team player. We're thrilled to have him as a part of our team."

In his work, Franklin has automated a great deal of processes, such as; automating employee signup to onboard over 35K contract workers, automating the manual process for creating and managing VMS invoices, developing an application that produced customers' custom invoices, and more. He has also spent time as a Technical Lead, designing various electronic solutions for companies such as Ford, Chrysler, and GM. Franklin's contributions have saved millions of dollars by improving the infrastructure of Fortune 500 companies and other companies.

About Evans Distribution Systems

Evans Distribution Systems, headquartered in southeast Michigan, was founded in 1929 as the Central Detroit Warehouse Company. It has evolved into a full-service, third-party logistics provider offering [warehousing](#), [transportation](#), fulfillment, [contract packaging](#) and [staffing](#) to the manufacturing, food and beverage, consumer goods, and chemical industries. Evans currently employs more than 600 associates and operates over two million square feet of space in Michigan and across the U.S. Find more information on our website, www.evansdist.com. Read the latest supply chain insights at Evans' [blog](#), or follow the company on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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