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Even the most seasoned supply chain manager needs to revisit the basics from time to time. The reason: the basics of our profession—purchasing, transportation, warehousing, reverse logistics—keep evolving as supply chains become more global and complex. This special report from the University of Tennessee puts the basics of supply chain management into that broader context.

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