

**QSO 635 Milestone Three Guidelines and Rubric**

**Overview:** The milestone assignments in this course directly support you in the completion of your final project, a location justification report.

**Prompt:** In this third milestone assignment, you will continue your research on the selected international location by recommending warehousing strategies and quality best practices for manufacturing and warehousing, justifying your recommendations.

Responding to the following guided questions will help you begin to develop ideas about course concepts in relation to the Warehousing Strategies critical elements within your final project.

Specifically, the following critical elements must be addressed:

- I. **Warehousing Strategies:** In this section, you will recommend warehousing strategies that promote cost savings of the new facility and meet customer needs in your recommended location.
  - A. **Cost savings:** What industry standard methods would you recommend your organization implement to most efficiently operate its warehouse? How would your approach impact cost savings in the organization?
  - B. **Customer needs:** How would the methods you recommended meet customer needs at the new facility location? What are some specific examples of how these methods would meet the needs of customers?
  - C. **Same location:** What are the benefits of having the warehouse in the same location as the manufacturing facility? How would this promote cost savings and help meet customer needs?

**Rubric**

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your assignment should adhere to the following formatting requirements: Write 3 to 4 double-spaced pages using 12-point Times New Roman font and one-inch margins. You should use current APA style guidelines for your citations and reference list.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Warehousing Strategies: Cost Savings</b>	Recommends industry standard methods that the organization should use to efficiently operate its warehouse and explains how this approach can promote cost savings for the organization	Recommends industry standard methods that the organization should use to efficiently operate its warehouse and explains how this approach can promote cost savings for the organization, but explanation is cursory or illogical	Does not recommend industry standard methods that the organization should use to efficiently operate its warehouse	32

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<b>Warehousing Strategies: Customer Needs</b>	Explains how the recommended methods meet customer needs at the new facility location, using specific examples	Explains how the recommended methods meet customer needs at the new facility location, using specific examples, but examples are inappropriate	Does not explain how the recommended methods meet customer needs at the new facility location	32
<b>Warehousing Strategies: Same Location</b>	Explains the benefits of having the warehouse in the same location as the manufacturing facility and includes how this will help to promote cost savings and meet customer needs	Explains the benefits of having the warehouse in the same location as the manufacturing facility and includes how this will help to promote cost savings and meet customer needs, but explanation is cursory or illogical	Does not explain the benefits of having the warehouse in the same location as the manufacturing facility	32
<b>Grammar and Mechanics</b>	Assignment is free of errors of organization and grammar	Assignment is mostly free of errors of organization and grammar; errors are marginal and rarely interrupt the flow	Assignment contains errors of organization and grammar, making the responses difficult to understand	4
			<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>