

QSO 635 Milestone Two Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: The milestone assignments in this course directly support you in the completion of your final project, a location justification report. In this second milestone assignment, you will continue your research on your recommended international location for your organization’s new facility.

Prompt: You will now be taking a deeper dive into your recommended international location by identifying any associated constraints with supply chain management in that country. Specifically, you will determine potential bottlenecking issues and transportation constraints and identify strategies for minimizing their impact. You will also analyze these constraints and determine if a push or pull system is the most appropriate for operating the new facility, and justify your recommendation.

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

Specifically, the following critical elements must be addressed:

- I. **Constraints:** In this section, you will consider various constraints associated with your recommended location. In addition, you will identify the most appropriate system to help minimize the impact these constraints will have on the operation of the new facility.
 - A. **Bottlenecking issues:** What are the potential bottlenecking issues you could encounter with this international expansion? What strategies would you recommend for avoiding these bottlenecks?
 - B. **Transportation constraints:** What are the transportation constraints that may exist at the international facility you selected? What strategies would you recommend for minimizing the impact of these constraints?
 - C. **Push or pull system:** Do you recommend a push or pull system for operating the new international facility? Why? How did the bottlenecking and transportation constraints you identified influence this decision?

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
Constraints: Bottlenecking Issues	Determines potential bottlenecking issues within the selected system and explains how these could be avoided	Determines potential bottlenecking issues within the selected system and explains how these could be avoided, but explanation is cursory or contains inaccuracies	Does not determine potential bottlenecking issues within the selected system	32

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Constraints: Transportation Constraints	Determines transportation constraints that may exist in the recommended facility location and explains how the organization could minimize the impact of these constraints	Determines transportation constraints that may exist in the recommended facility location and explains how the organization could minimize the impact of these constraints, but explanation is cursory or contains inaccuracies	Does not determine transportation constraints that may exist in the recommended facility location	32
Constraints: Push or Pull System	Determines if a push or pull system is more appropriate for operating the new facility and explains how the previously identified constraints influence this decision	Determines if a push or pull system is more appropriate for operating the new facility and explains how the previously identified constraints influence this decision, but explanation is cursory or contains inaccuracies	Does not determine if a push or pull system is more appropriate for operating the new facility	32
Grammar and Mechanics	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
Total				100%