



Principal biography

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Edna B. Talavera

"Edna Talavera has helped us obtain significant results in our quest to improve our supply chain operation. Much of our success is attributed to the support she provided in the implementation of S&OP and the improvements made to our MRP II process. The support she has provided, coupled with her experience, are true measures of her professionalism."

Guillermo Diaz
Regional Operations Director -
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Edna Talavera, an Oliver Wight principal, has extensive experience in the areas of strategic planning and deployment, manufacturing and supply chain management, and project management in national and international companies in different sectors including consumer goods, food, pharmaceutical, and energy. Edna has helped clients achieve their desired, sustainable business growth, achieving high-performance business results, through the integration of core business processes in planning and control, while simultaneously resolving critical, long-standing operating problems.

Through her experience implementing world-class excellence standards in Sales & Operations Planning, her clients have achieved Class-A performance levels, yielding significant cost savings and business profits in the millions of dollars. With more than 20 years in management consultancy and hands-on involvement, she has worked with companies such as Schick-Wilkinson Sword in Latin America, British American Tobacco worldwide, S. C. Johnson & Sons in Latin America's Andean Region, Electricidad de Caracas, and AIE Industries in Mexico.

Prior to joining the Oliver Wight team, Edna worked with various companies in various capacities. Among them are: General manager of Worldwide Services-Consulting Associates, a management consulting company dedicated to process re-engineering, continuous improvement and high efficiency in manufacturing, supply chain, and direct distribution. She was also involved in planning and execution of competitive strategies to achieve incremental market share, management of high-performance project initiatives, and education in total quality management. Manager of Especial Projects for Nabisco International: Edna was responsible for the implementation of a quality program

at the Peruvian manufacturing site which was focused on manufacturing productivity and efficiency improvements while increasing product quality, reducing production cycle time, and resources. Corporate executive for the Diego Cisneros Organization, one of the largest holding companies in Venezuela, she was responsible for planning, developing, and implementing a Total Quality Management program in two of the largest companies in the holding - Maxi's (previously Sears of Venezuela) and CADA, the largest supermarket chain in the country and the Caribbean. She was purchasing and logistics manager for the Electricidad de Caracas, the largest privately-owned electric company in Venezuela at the time.

Bilingual, she received an Industrial Engineering Degree from Universidad Católica Andres Bello in Caracas, Venezuela, and is also a graduate of Venezuelan National Conservatory of Music. She belongs to a number of professional associations including the Venezuelan-American, Peruvian-Mexican and Colombo-Venezuelan Chambers of Commerce; APICS; and other IE professional organizations.