Please join your peers as Gartner Principal Research Analyst, Kamala Raman discusses some of Gartner’s most recent research findings on two areas that are in high demand from clients: Supply Chain Cost Optimization & Best Practices in SC Network Design. The research combines insights from companies in Gartner’s Supply Chain Top 25 with focused in-depth interviews conducted during 2016 & 2017.

Kamala Raman advises companies on designing their supply chain networks to optimize performance for factors such as total network cost, service, agility and resilience. In this role, Kamala leverages her broad and deep experience in manufacturing, supply chain and IT working in North America, the Middle East and Asia.

**Agenda**

8:00 am - 8:30 am Registration, Networking, and Continental Breakfast, and Introductions

8:30 am – 9:30 am **SC Cost Optimization**
Even with all of the desire to drive revenue growth through innovation, the need for increased profitability is putting pressure on supply chains to find more cost savings. Therefore nearly every supply chain network we come across is designed for low cost, to minimize cost of goods sold and meet the expectations of the financial point of view for cost. We will present another way to look at supply chain design choices being balanced vs delivered cost and share examples of best practices.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Break & Networking**

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Best Practices in SC Network Design (Manufacturing & Distribution)**
Supply Network Models have to adapt to growing concerns about globalization, changing manufacturing cost models and regulatory or political headwinds in order to manage network complexity with long term market potential. This is particularly relevant in today’s time of uncertainty about trade and tax policies. We will discuss how best to use network design to optimize the end to end supply chain including the benefits of developing market/region specific models and demonstrate how scenario planning can help manage the complexity.

*Q&A, Networking to follow.*