

TABLE 11.2: Comparing Logistics Providers

Third-party logistics provider (3PL)	A provider of outsourced logistics services to companies for some or all of their supply chain management processes.
Fourth-party logistics provider (4PL)	An independent supply chain integrator that assembles the resources and technology needed for the activities of the shipper and other logistics providers (2PL and 3PL) to build supply solutions for the shipper.
Fifth-party logistics provider (5PL)	An independent logistics service provider that mainly specializes in e-business solutions, including developing information systems for managing or tracking shipments through the supply chain.