## Profit Gap Tutorial

## The Scorecard


far right column contains your actual numbers used in the calculation.
It is important to understand the trends that come to light as a result of laying out your ratios in this manner. For instance, carefully review your Gross Margin for the last three periods. Is it increasing or decreasing? What are the underlying causes one way or the other?

One of the most valuable and unique features of the scorecard is that we have quantified in " $\$ \$$ and cents" the variances between your most recent numbers and your Goals - and we have used these variances to populate the "Road Map."

Thus, we have delivered to you extremely powerful decision-relevant financial intelligence - identifying in visual format: (1) where are the opportunities for improvement against the "standard," (2) quantifying in "\$\$ and cents" the financial impact of achieving your goal, and (3) identifying whether the improvement will have a primary impact on Cash (C) or Profits (P).

In other words, the Scorecard and Road Map together provide a unique visual system to "find the leaks and plug 'em" - and they show you the financial impacts in cash or profits.

