



SENIOR BUYER



ABOUT THE ROLE

The Senior Buyer is responsible for purchasing all materials used in the course of the business. The job holder will develop dependable supply sources and purchase all materials to the Company's exact business requirements, using Group deals where specified, at competitive rates, within budget and ensuring deliveries can be made within build programmes and arranging payment for verified goods. They will also ensure that all Group Purchasing specifications, policies and procedures are adhered to within the company.

Responsible for: No direct reports

Responsible to: Purchasing Manager, Commercial Director

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PROCUREMENT

- Send out enquiries for appropriate materials, collate and analyse the returned quotations.
- Place orders with suitable suppliers for specified materials; ensuring goods are delivered on the required date and purchased at the most competitive rates and within budget.
- Ensure quality and performance of materials are in line with required standards.
- Ensure compliance to Company guidelines, policies and procedures and any relevant legislation.
- Ensure continuous supply of materials, communicate any supply problems which pose a risk or impact on business operations.
- Explore and evaluate areas of opportunity and reduce costs where possible.
- Consolidate purchases of material to achieve maximum economic benefit.
- Control and manage approved site material budgets
- Interview and appoint new / potential suppliers as required.
- Attend site Project Meetings as necessary

2. PURCHASING STANDARDS

- Study and analyse markets to make recommendations of possible specification changes which would represent savings without detracting from quality requirements.
- Encourage and develop, wherever feasible, negotiated agreements with suppliers and manufacturers.
- Inform other departments of all relevant information regarding changes in materials, major price movements, delivery lead times and individual supply situations.
- Ensure that Group Buying deals are used. Arrange, wherever possible, Group Buying deals, in conjunction with the divisional Commercial Director and the Group Commercial Director.
- Maintain the purchasing computer information system for the Division; ensuring site access for materials is maintained.

3. INVOICING

- Action verified invoices when not automatically sanctioned via the purchasing computer information system.
- Monitor damages, theft and maintenance on invoices received within the division.

4. STAFF


- Ensure that all purchasing activity is compliant with company policies and procedures.
- Ensure compliance with the Group's Health, Safety and Environment policy within the purchasing function.

5. OTHER

- Assist the Purchasing Manager and / or Commercial Department as necessary
- Action site requests for additional materials that are not covered on the bulk orders.
- Authorise all site call-offs for bulk materials.
- Order and authorise the hire of plant equipment and small tools.
- Chase deliveries from suppliers that are overdue or urgent.
- Meet representatives for information on new product, price queries, delivery problems and general partnership building.
- Visit suppliers' premises to assess products and procedures.
- Organise health and safety and welfare / utilities facilities for sales and site staff – including compound set up and sales cabins.
- Liaise with relevant colleagues across the business with relation to new site starts, technical problems, new suppliers and general queries.
- Contribute to improving the business, protecting and enhancing the reputation of the company, by putting forward new ideas and, when requested to do so, implementing change.

THE PERSON

- What kind of person are we looking for?
- Calm, understanding and empathetic approach to situations

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- Commercially astute
 - Ability to understand working drawings, schedule and check material quantities
 - Team orientated, enthusiastic, willing to learn and develop within a fast moving department
 - Flexible approach to dealing with issues and challenges
 - Good level of interpersonal skills
 - Literature in the use of IT
 - Self-motivated and able to plan and organise effectively to meet tight timescales
 - Resilient in the face of challenging situations and deadlines
 - Possess an understanding of the fundamentals and processes required to develop a housing development.
 - Manages time effectively to ensure that deadlines are met

These are illustrative duties and the job holder will be expected to become involved in a range of work to enable the department to respond effectively to the requirements of the Company.