Project Manager, Supplier Assurance

Recruiter RSSB
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Location London/home-based with some UK travel
Sector Rail
Function Management, Procurement, Assurance
Job Type Senior Manager
Hours Full time; Long term, fixed term contract
Salary £Competitive with excellent benefits

The client

RSSB is an expert body that helps the rail industry collaborate to continuously improve and meet future challenges. It spans the whole railway, including in its membership infrastructure companies, train and freight operators, rolling stock owners and suppliers to the industry. RSSB supports rail in the areas of safety, standards, knowledge, innovation and a wide range of cross-industry schemes – including supplier assurance.

Britain’s railways are crucial to the economy, and on the back of two decades of rapid growth, will expand even further to carry more people and freight in the future. Trains, infrastructure and equipment are being reinvented, renewed and rolled out, requiring a confident world class supply chain. Rail is a big buyer, relying on thousands of suppliers of every shape and size, providing a wide range of unique, critical and complex products and services.

To get this right, RSSB has an important role to play to support industry in developing modernised, effective supplier assurance arrangements fit for the 21st Century railway.
The Role:

You will project manage the modernisation and transformation of the rail industry’s approach to supplier assurance, managing stakeholder relationships, coordinating schemes and creating a new commercial model that meets future requirements and expectations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Establish effective industry governance arrangements to oversee the development, management and delivery of the remodelling and modernisation of GB Rail’s approach to supplier assurance
- Manage the relationship between the supplier assurance schemes including RISQS, RISAS and ACOP 01003, advising them of the required changes as identified by the project and endorsed by RSSB
- Facilitate and enable the implementation of all the key outputs from the project work streams including the creation and adoption of a common, cross-industry audit plan, a common categorised list of products and services, and the generation of a revised commercial model
- Support access to the data contained within the various third party scheme providers’ information repositories
- Develop engagement and communication with the industry’s procurement hubs and the nominated representatives within the rail sector and the supply chain
- Align developments with the ORR Maturity Model in respect of supplier assurance and responses from companies holding a safety management system (SMS)
- Maintain SMS holder agreement of the future prioritisation, development and implementation of supplier assurance development, whilst facilitating improvements in the culture, understanding and behaviour of this community.
- Establish a community of supplier assurance ‘champions’.
- Develop a supplier assurance model specification to meet the future needs of industry and an implementation plan
- Develop a commercial model, to support the delivery and implementation of the new arrangements, whilst addressing the funding streams and controls for industry.
- Develop a revised specification for centralised information management and supplier assurance systems control and support the establishment of a single industry portal
Requirements

- Significant project management experience
- Experience of managing senior stakeholders for business change
- Business management / budgetary responsibility experience
- Thorough knowledge of the Rail Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme (RISQS) and Rail Industry Supplier Approval Scheme (RISAS)
- Demonstrable Quality Management knowledge / understanding
- Practical knowledge of industry standards including Railway Group Standards
- Leadership skills
- Confident communication and negotiation skills
- Good organisational skills
- Presentation skills

You can look forward to an attractive package that includes bonus and a final salary pension scheme.

If you think you have the necessary skills and experience needed for this role and would like to join us and work for RSSB, then please email your CV and covering letter quoting reference RSSB35M2 to vacancies@rssb.co.uk

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