



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Purchasing Agent
Facility: Brooklyn Park
Department: Purchasing
Reports to: Purchasing Lead

SUMMARY

This position is responsible for purchasing and negotiating materials, equipment, and supplies from vendors. Evaluates vendor quotes and services to determine most desirable suppliers. Places orders, and stays involved in inventory distribution. Monitor's quality of goods or service. Researches new trends or advances in product lines to make appropriate buying decisions.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include but are not limited to the following. Other duties may be assigned as needed.

- Price and purchase material, services, and supplies in a timely and cost-effective manner.
- Track and manage supplier deliveries, and investigate and resolve discrepancies on pricing, conditions, and other aspects of vendor orders.
- Develop and recommend to Director of Strategic Services policies, procedures or purchasing systems for the organization.
- Maintains records of materials or services purchased such as delivery dates, vendors, costs, product quality or performance and inventories.
- Maintain appropriate lines and levels of house inventory; Conduct monthly inventory in an accurately and timely manner.
- Assists in identification and disposal of obsolete and unusable supplies and excess product.
- Works closely with other departments to secure a complete and accurate purchase order including price for all procurement items.
- Acts as participant on the supplier performance review committee and updates, approved supplier list with all members of the Purchasing Team as requested.
- Provide as needed backup support to other members of the Manufacturing Support team.
- Understand your role in the companies Quality Management System regarding ISO.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- 1 year purchasing experience, preferably in a manufacturing environment or demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the above-mentioned tasks.
- Knowledge of paper products.
- Must have exceptional math and analytical skills to adequately analyze and interpret supplier quotes, contracts, and other supplier-related issues.
- Ability to effectively communicate at all levels and across the organization.
- Must have highly developed negotiating skills.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft software products and other PC applications.
- Strong skills in work planning and scheduling and knowledge of those procedures.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Constant working on computer and sitting.
- Occasional lifting 50+lbs, pulling, pushing, bending, reaching, kneeling, stooping and climbing ladders or stairs and operating mechanical equipment and motor vehicles.

Occasional: Occupation requires this activity up to 33% of the time (0 - 2.5 hrs./day of 8-hour day)

Frequent: Occupation requires this activity from 33%-66% of the time (2.5 - 5.5+ hrs./day of hour 8-hour day)

Constant: Occupation requires this activity more than 66% of the time (5.5+ hrs./day of 8-hour day)