

Project Manager – Job Description

Line Manager: Senior Project Manager
Team: Project Management
Location: Cross Platform – Deployed as required

Role Purpose:

CPI handles many projects of varying scale and scope, both commercial and public funded. The Project Manager will be required to take overall responsibility for a number of internal and external (client) of varying complexity projects. As the Project Manager, you will be required to deliver these projects successfully to meet time, quality and cost targets, realising measureable benefits and thereby ensuring satisfied customers and providing a foundation for repeat business.

Key Responsibilities:

Projects

- Manage and deliver projects according to the agreed asset and resource plans, contracted deliverables and the agreed scope.
- Oversee the management of activities of the project delivery teams, supporting technical leads to ensure clear roles, responsibilities and objectives are defined, planned and represent the customer ensuring deliverables are being completed to defined expectations (within the base-lined cost and time plan), first time to successfully deliver the contracted scope.
- Maintain frequent and detailed communication with all members of the team to ensure clarity at all times.
- Manage deviations from plan with customers and CPI delivery teams without unduly affecting the stated objectives and benefits and maintain clarity.
- Proactively manage foreseen project risks and mitigate issues as they arise, implementing corrective actions.
- Take on Project Support tasks, as and when necessary.
- Motivate the project team and provide direction.
- Execute the project lessons learnt process to maximise learning from all projects during and after the execution, carrying out an internal review with the delivery team and actively seeking feedback from the customer; implement any corrective actions to ensure continuous improvement. Seek repeat business from customers as part of the closure and review process.
- Manage project administration tasks. Create and maintain the project stage document.
- To undertake any other project management duties as required.

Customer

- Manage and develop customer/partner relationships from project authorisation and initiation through to project closure acting as the primary point of contact and ensuring regular communication and reporting of project progress versus the delivery contract.
- Raising, managing and recording variations and updating the business case to support continued business justification for the project providing quotes for requested variations. Raise invoices promptly upon achievement of milestones and deliverables and confirming payment.
- Act as assurance for all reporting to the customer to ensure consistency and high quality.

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Finance, reporting and business support

- Manage the financial performance of projects, utilising regular financial reports to monitor actual spend versus the quotation and forecast; Resolve spending anomalies and identify corrective actions to maintain profitability.
- Contribute to the operation of the Project and Business Management teams, supporting the continuous development and improvement project management processes.
- Support business development activities such as bid writing, contract agreement and customer visits.
- To proactively support line management and the rest of the management team in the execution of their responsibilities.
- Provide regular and timely reporting of project progress to the project sponsors and stakeholders
- To provide accurate input into the reviews established by the line management to ensure the successful operation of the Business.
- Comply with CPI procedures, including all safety and ISO9000 requirements.

Special Features:

- Projects within CPI encompass a broad range process technologies and novel measurement and analytical techniques and this is reflected in the diversity of customers and their expertise. It is favourable for the job holder to be knowledgeable across one or more of these range of technologies in order to engage with the customers at the correct level and to develop strong business relationships.
- An understanding of process, measurement science and / or NPI development and how various factors influence the structure, duration and delivery of projects together with the associated risk factors and the challenges facing the delivery teams.
- A good appreciation of commercial aspects is required in order to usefully contribute to project scope definition and control, quoting, contract agreements and change control.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential for the job holder to establish a good rapport with customers from an early stage and to develop a strong and constructive relationship with the delivery team.
- Resilience is required during the pressures of project delivery and in such cases as conflicting priorities or where customer satisfaction is proving difficult.
- The compliant delivery of public funded projects and the financial management of projects requires thorough reporting and attention to detail and the job holder must also maintain a detailed understanding of each project's requirements.

Direct reports: No direct reports

Person specification

Skills:

- The job-holder will be able to demonstrate a technical background with experience of managing multiple project based activities.
- Be adept at managing and mitigating risk and have prior knowledge of project management best practice.
- Good people management, a team player and pro-active with a “can-do” attitude are essential to deliver the job fully.
- Financially adept; understand the concepts of budget control and is experienced in financial reporting (cost of sales, revenue, etc.) and is versed in using Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint to communicate.
- Managed projects using Microsoft Project.
- Experience of the requirements and reporting needs of public and private projects will be an advantage.

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- It is desirable but not essential that the job-holder has experience of developing and implementing projects in both the commercial and public environment.

Education / Qualifications:

Essential:	Desirable:
<p>Educated to Degree level (or equivalent) in an Engineering/Science or Business related subject with relevant experience</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Has significant experience within a project management role and understands the fundamentals of project management</p>	<p>Project Management Qualification</p>

Competencies and behaviours	
Leadership (Enabling)	Decision Making (Influencing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds and leads groups, communicates a compelling and inspired vision or sense of core purpose to arrive at an agreed schedule of work for a project, including agreed success criteria. • Demonstrates commitment to common goals, integrity and trust in all dealings with colleagues and customers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidently draws reliable conclusions from diverse and sometimes incomplete data. • Proactively sources and refers to how others have tackled similar problems previously. • Considers risks, and consequences, and takes accountability for, the impact the decision has on the business including costs/ benefits.
Communication (Influencing)	Developing self and others (Enabling)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employs comfortably a wide range of communication styles and approaches to suit different situations and audiences (external and internal stakeholders) in diverse situations. • Builds effective two-way communication channels within the business area and across departments whilst maintaining credibility and securing commitment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports others in their development. • Is personally committed to, and actively seeks, opportunities to improve continuously. • Provides honest helpful feedback to others on their performance. • Insightful about self, strengths and limitations, and how to maximise contribution.
Collaboration (Influencing)	Delivery (Influencing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blends people into teams, leveraging the use of talents available from any part of the organisation that result in the most innovative solution. • Fosters a sense of energy, ownership, and personal commitment to collaborative work. • Understands priorities and deeper needs of different stakeholders groups. • Supports and enables people to work together to meet objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares and maintain schedules for activities and events for projects. • Delegates responsibilities for tasks and decisions to the appropriate staff; sets SMART objectives and monitors progress. • Researches capabilities and constraints, in advance of a project, which could affect its approach and outcomes. • Holds people accountable for achieving results.

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Knowledge and Experience:

Essential:	Desirable:
<p>Track record in:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing good relationships across all functions and at all levels within the organisation • On time delivery of technical, multi-disciplinary projects • Controlling multiple concurrent projects • Management of single projects in excess of £100K and adept in financial and project process. E.g. managing project budgets, cost control and forecasting utilising labour and material resourcing • Managing and exceeding customer expectations • Understands project management process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management of projects within a highly dynamic innovation R&D environment business. • Experience managing collaborative R&D grant funded projects