Role Title	Senior Category Manager				
Job Family	Commercial and Procurement	Sub Category	Procurement	Grade	C5
Behaviours	Seeing the Big Picture	inicating and Influencing	• Commercial Awareness	• Leaders	ship Charte
Purpose	Deliver strategic sourcing planning, dema	and management, tende	ering and negotiation across a rang	e of categorie	S.



Key Accountabilities

- Create and implement Category strategies that align with business strategies; research and evaluate the market to understand current market conditions, identify risks to supply chain, source potential suppliers; share insights so wider team maintains market knowledge
- Procurement lead on higher risk, higher value or more complex tenders relative to those undertaken by Category Managers; undertake all aspects of tendering process from specification of requirements, pre-qualification invitation to tender, evaluation methodology and contract management planning
- Analyse data across a range of goods and services, identify current or potential issues or risks and take action to address through personal intervention or escalation
- Contribute to the development, maintenance and effective delivering of Category strategies to support the business
 - Provide specialist procurement advice and expertise to meet customer and stakeholder requirements and to ensure compliance with EU and UK regulations
 - Review tenders and related documentation produced by self and team to ensure compliance with EU/UK regulations

 Recruit, direct, engage, performance manage, coach and develop the team to drive high performance

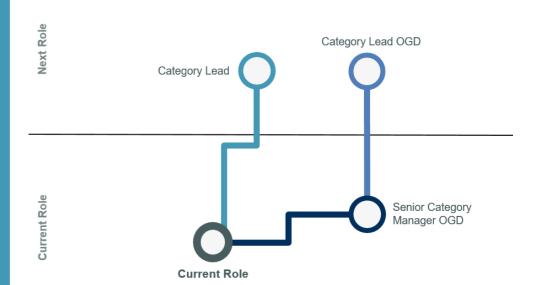
Authority and Scope

- Authorised to sign off procurements up to £500,000 per contract. Manage and control expenditure within this limit.
- Risk assess Category strategies; identify and mitigate potential risks associated with current and proposed activities; escalate risks that are beyond agreed tolerance levels
- Ensure all tenders comply with EU/UK procurement regulations
- Responsible for performance of team of 3 to 5 Category Managers

Internal and External Communications

- Business and management teams to report on relevant procurement activities on a regular basis
- Colleagues at all levels of the business providing procurement information or advice
- Current and potential suppliers to gather data and communicate requirements
- Contract Management specialists on all aspects of contract and supplier management
- Network with FCDO Services colleagues, contacts from other government departments and related organisations to enhance skills and develop knowledge of best practice

Potential Next Career Moves



Skills

- Customer/supplier relationship management
- Tendering / mini-competitions
- Purchasing/procurement policies & processes (internal)
- Negotiation
- Risk management
- Analyse, interrogate and evaluate data
- Draft/author professional/technical documents
- Interpret professional/technical documents
- Strategic planning

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- MCIPS qualification, Level 4, or part-qualified and progressing towards full qualification
- Extensive procurement experience, substantial experience in tendering of supplies and services
- Working knowledge of procurement policies, standards, processes and practices
- Relevant data analysis and decision-making
- Knowledge of EU/UK procurement regulations and corporate governance
- Adaptable communication and influencing skills

Desirable

 Understanding of UK, EU and Central Government procurement systems, standards and regulations