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Senior Portfolio Manager-190037

Primary Location Netherlands-The Hague
NATO Body NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency)
Schedule Full-time
Salary (Pay Basis): 7,132.26Euro (EUR) Monthly
Grade A.3

Description:

This is a position within the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency), an organization of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The NCI Agency is made up of teams of dedicated people from 29 different nations who are technology experts in their chosen fields. Our collective role is to help protect the lives of 1 billion people and contribute to maintaining world peace.

The NCI Agency is looking for a talented Senior Portfolio Manager.

The Requirements Management Branch (RMB) manages the AirC2 portfolio, business plans and offers through direct customer liaison and supports Demand Management. Assesses operational needs and assures AirC2 service and the operational effectiveness of capabilities. Produces and maintains the Strategic Plan, related Programmes of Work. Contributes to the Service Catalogue and management of the Demand Plan. Develops future requirements and maintains the AirC2 requirements baseline, manages technical and operational changes.

The Plans Section (PS) manages the AirC2 portfolio, coordinates the development of the AirC2 Strategic Plan, establishes the forecasted demand plan for the next business period, leads the AirC2 products and services planning, and organizes the contribution and maintenance of inputs to the NCI Agency Service Catalogue. In cooperation with the Future Requirements Section (FRS) and other Branches, coordinates the development of POW, Type B Cost Estimates (TBCE), under leadership of PIB, Service Level Agreements (SLA), and non-standard offers, with other AMDC2 Branches and NCI Agency organizational elements. PS manages the AMDC2's contribution to the development NATO's Air C2 policy and

other governance arrangements within the Air C2 domain.

Role Responsibilities

Under the direction of Head Plans Section, you will perform duties such as the following:

- Contribute to business development, including strategic planning, demand forecasting, budget planning process, AMDC2 Programmes Roadmap elaboration, and requirements development;
- Manage AMDC2 portfolio of projects and services;
- Monitor the portfolio with regard to its financial status, operational status, and forecast;
- Provide reporting material on status of the portfolio, including development of the POW, SLAs, Monthly
 reports and Annual report;
- Initiate, develop and maintain business relationships with customers, ensuring development of coherent and consistent POW and SLAs;
- Capture customer service requirements and translate them into relevant service descriptions and service level performance indicators and targets;
- Support development of AMDC2 In-Service Support (ISS) Programme Of Work (POW) and other business plans, and ensure their endorsement by relevant NATO governance bodies;
- Develop Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for which AMDC2 is responsible, and ensure alignment, consistency and coherence with other NCI Agency SLAs;
- Develop and implement Cooperation Models to foster smooth implementation of POW and SLAs with Customers:
- Organize the contribution and maintenance of AMDC2 contribution (including service descriptions and performance targets) to NCI Agency Customer Services Catalogue;
- Work with Account Managers and Service Delivery Managers to review performance, cost and measurements based on service delivery controls and targets achievement as agreed with the Customer, and to identify recommendations for continuous service improvement;
- Work with Account Managers to resolve customer complaints and/or escalations as needed and to help improve customer relationships;
- Take proactive initiative in nurturing sponsor relationships and promote Agency's Integrated Air and Missile Defence (IAMD) capabilities and services;
- Develop, collect and maintain material for the venues of Customer as well as lessons learned from contacts.
- Support management of requests from customers, ensuring; timely coordination with all NCI Agency stakeholders, correct internal assignment and response, and that the NCI Agency's formal offers meet the requisite quality standards and are in line with the expectations of sponsors, including quality acceptance criteria, scope and timelines for such offers;
- Support organisation of workshops and symposia, and speak at appropriate venues on items of interest to the sponsors in the NATO context;
- Deputize for Head Plans Section, if required;
- Performs other duties, as may be required.

Person Specification

We are looking for candidates with A Master of Science (MSc) degree or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree at a nationally recognised/certified University in a relevant discipline or related discipline or exceptionally, the lack of a degree may be compensated by a lower academic qualification combined with the demonstration of particular abilities or experience of relevance to this post, or with military experience in Air operations and 12 years post-related experience.

Experience Required

In addition to 5 years post-related experience (Master's Degree) or 7 years post-related experience (Bachelors Degree) in the duties related to the function of the post, we also require the following:

- At least 5 years of relevant Portfolio Management or Programme Management experience;
- Experience in preparation of strategic plans, business plans, demand plans, resource plans and budgets.
- Experience in preparation and promotion of service proposals, including SLAs;
- Proven and practiced knowledge and understanding of financial, marketing, and strategy principles and concepts;
- Proven knowledge and understanding of Customer Management;

- Good understanding of NATO Organisational structure and NATO procedures for planning, acquisition, programming and implementation of common-funded projects as well as Operation and Maintenance of these capabilities;
- Proven ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing with excellent briefing and presentation skills, and the ability to produce clear and concise reports;
- Proven ability to work successfully with both military & civilian staff;
- Proven experience in the use of computer-based support tools, with an emphasis on Microsoft Office and planning tools.

The following will be considered as an advantage

- Knowledge and experience in project management and in-service support planning and operations, in a business or military organisation;
- Knowledge and experience involving the development or acquisition, implementation and sustainment, of major Command and Control systems and/or programmes;
- Several years NATO experience, or equivalent national experience, dealing with NATO agencies;
- Extensive and recent experience, at least 5 years, with Air C2 systems;
- ITIL certification:
- Prior experience of working in an international environment comprising both military and civilian elements;
- Knowledge of NATO responsibilities and organization, including ACO and ACT.

Competencies Required

Working with People - Shows respect for the views and contributions of other team members; shows empathy; listens, supports and cares for others; consults others and shares information and expertise with them; builds team spirit and reconciles conflict; adapts to the team and fits in well.

Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations - Focuses on customer needs and satisfaction; sets high standards for quality and quantity; monitors and maintains quality and productivity; works in a systematic, methodical and orderly way; consistently achieves project goals.

Presenting and Communicating Information - Speaks fluently; expresses opinions, information and key points of an argument clearly; makes presentations and undertakes public speaking with skill and confidence; responds quickly to the needs of an audience and to their reactions and feedback; projects credibility.

Analysing - Analyses numerical data and all other sources of information, to break them into component parts, patterns and relationships; probes for further information or greater understanding of a problem; makes rational judgements from the available information and analysis; demonstrates an understanding of how one issue may be a part of a much larger system.

Adapting and Responding to Change - Adapts to changing circumstances; tolerates ambiguity; accepts new ideas and change initiatives; adapts interpersonal style to suit different people or situations; shows an interest in new experiences.

Formulating Strategies and Concepts - Works strategically to realise organisational goals; sets and develops strategies; identifies, develops positive and compelling visions of the organisation's future potential; takes account of a wide range of issues across, and related to, the organisation.

Writing and Reporting - Writes convincingly; writes clearly, succinctly and correctly; avoids the unnecessary use of jargon or complicated language; writes in a well-structured and logical way; structures information to meet the needs and understanding of the intended audience.

Travel

Business travel to NATO and national (NATO and non-NATO) facilities as well as frequent travel between the NCI Agency offices:

May be required to undertake duty travel to operational theatres inside and outside NATO boundaries

Language Skills

A thorough knowledge of one of the two NATO languages, both written and spoken, is essential and some knowledge of the other is desirable.

NOTE: Most of the work of the NCI Agency is conducted in the English language.

Supervisory/Guidance Duties

You may give professional guidance to staff

Contract

NCI Agency normally offers contracts of employment of a definite duration, not exceeding three years. Contracts may be for less than three years as required to support short-term projects, meet uncertainty with respect to the business outlook, staff performance and other factors.

Definite duration contracts may be extended for further periods. When extending contracts, the following is taken into consideration:

- Renewal is in the interest of the Agency
- Staff member's desire to remain with the Agency.
- The financial situation provides sufficient funding for the post held.
- The skills, competencies and behaviours, potential and work experience of the staff, versus the requirements of the Agency's work and/or availability of funding.
- Staff member has served the Agency with performance to the required standard as defined by the Agency,
- Staff member's deployability to operational theatre.

Serving civilian members of NATO will be offered a contract in accordance with the NATO Civilian Personnel Regulations.

The first six months of definite duration contracts are a probationary period. During this period the staff member's work is assessed to ensure that he/she has the ability to carry out the duties of the post. At or before the end of the probationary period, the staff member will be notified in writing that the appointment is confirmed or terminated or, in exceptional cases, that the probationary period is extended.

What do we offer?

Excellent tax-free salary, including (where eligible) expatriation household and children's allowances and additional privileges for expatriate staff.

- Education allowance for children (where appropriate) and an excellent private health insurance scheme;
- Generous annual leave and home leave (if eligible).
- Retirement Pension Plan.

To learn more about NCI Agency and our work, please visit our website.

Please note: Due to the Agency's transition into a new structure in the near future, this post may be subject to transfer to one of our other locations, as well as to a change of reporting lines. The final decision will be made at the time of a firm offer.

The Agency's recruitment team advises you that due to the large volume of applications it receives the screening process may take up to 2 months.

We appreciate your patience.

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