

ROLE PROFILE

PRINCIPAL SYSTEMS ENGINEER

JOB PURPOSE

Lead and deliver technology and business-related strategic studies and trials on behalf of the General Lighthouse Authorities of the UK and Ireland (GLA).

KEY	Functional	 Lead nominated technical theme.
RESPONSIBILITIES	Leadership	 Effectively lead and manage direct reports.
		 Act as a mentor and source of expertise for direct reports/team members.
		 Ensure health, safety, environmental and quality management procedural requirements are met.
		 Form strong working relationships across the GLAs and external bodies to influence and support GLA and
		GRAD aims and objectives.
		 Contribute to department management, succession planning, team development and engagement.
	Strategic and	 Network across the GLAs, and internationally, to draw on and develop technical best practice.
	technical	 Participate in the setting of policies and standards to the benefit of the GLA, with the Head of Research
	innovation	and Development and GLA Directors as appropriate.
		 Lead the development of tri-GLA strategy in collaboration with GLA directors.
		 Lead updates to the GRAD 5 year plan that guides translation of the strategy to project proposals.
		 Communicate technical and strategic developments across GLA colleagues and wider stakeholders.
		 Identify and propose projects and system studies (including trials) that will support the delivery of the
		GLA' strategic objectives.
		 Lead, manage and deliver technology-related studies and trials.
	Project	 Responsible for the delivery of an allocated project portfolio.
	delivery	 Lead and manage bids for external funding.
		 Form teams with other GLA and external personnel as required delivering innovation projects.

		 Procure and manage external support for studies. Liaise with tri-GLA operational, technical, finance, procurement, legal and safety functions in order to complete allocated projects in accordance with appropriate recommendations, policies, regulations and legislation. Complete necessary documentation to enable handover of projects to the GLA or external customer. Contribute to the annual planning event and provide guidance on priorities for projects within allocated theme.
	Stakeholder management	 Understand, communicate and promote the GLA' interests by attending meetings, networking and through conference presentations. Produce papers for meetings and conferences. Represent the GLA (and possibly UK and/or Ireland) at national and international meetings and conferences.
	Budget Management	 Plan, negotiate and oversee the budget for allocated theme Plan, negotiate and manage the budget for allocated projects
	General	 Undertake additional tasks and responsibilities as assigned or necessary, within scope of the role.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	Skills and experience	 Project and programme management. Leading and managing successful projects in a research/engineering/science environment. Developing project bids and project teams. Extensive knowledge of systems engineering, marine AtoN support systems, visual signalling, radio navigation and/or wider influencing factors (such as climate change) Highly motivated and resourceful. High-level IT skills. Good literacy and communication to all levels (technical, non-technical, executive audiences)
	Qualifications	 Level 6 qualification¹ in engineering, physical sciences or computer sciences (or evidenced experience). Leadership/management qualification desirable Project management qualification (i.e. Prince2 practitioner) desirable.
	Professional Competencies	 Associate or Fellow member of appropriate professional body (eg RIN, IET, APMP etc.) Working to CEng level of Engineering Council Specification (UK-SPEC). Government Project Delivery Capability Framework (PDCF) mapped to relevant parts of 'Project Director'. Strategy development capability

¹ Level 6 is a degree or equivalent.
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