

Operations Executive – Rolling Stock

Employer: East West Railway Company

Location: Milton Keynes

Basis: Permanent

Role Summary: Through supporting the development and implementation of the rolling stock strategy for East West Railway you will play a key role in the successful operation of the scheme. Do you have experience of delivering a fleet of trains into service? As Operations Executive for Rolling Stock you will be responsible for the operational elements of the Rolling Stock Strategy for all EWR Connection Stages.

A little bit about us:

East West Rail is a new direct connection, linking communities between Oxford and Cambridge, including Bicester, Milton Keynes and Bedford by rail.

Oxford, Cambridge and the communities in between are renowned for their vibrant economy, educational excellence and scientific innovation. They deliver growth and prosperity both locally and for the whole country; connecting these two cities and the communities in between is crucial to the social and economic future of the region.

East West Railway Company was set up to accelerate the delivery of the East West Rail infrastructure and passenger services, bringing faster journey times and easing pressure on local roads.

We were set up by the Secretary of State for Transport in 2017 to do things differently. We aim to innovate, positively disrupt, and challenge the status-quo, leading to quicker and more cost-effective project delivery, and an improved experience for passengers and the communities we serve.

As we build our team, we're looking for people with the right skills and mindset so that we can innovate, positively disrupt and set new industry standards. Whether you've been working on some of the world's most exciting rail and infrastructure projects or can inspire us with your ideas and expertise from other sectors, we want to hear from you.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

As Operations Executive for Rolling Stock, for the interim fleet, you will:

- Ensure the rolling stock meets the EWR Co outcomes (Cheaper, Better, Quicker and Greener).
- Develop and deliver the solution through contract award to Entry into Service.
- Hold responsibility for the development of EWR Co's Rolling Stock and Depot Strategy.
- Work closely with colleagues across the business to ensure that the commercial, technical and infrastructure inputs are captured and included in the delivery and operation of the rolling stock.
- Manage internal stakeholder relationships including at Board Level and cross-functionally.
- Manage external stakeholders including Treasury, Cabinet Office, Network Rail, TOCs, RoSCos, maintainers and the supply chain.
- Be a key point of contact for the Department for Transport, including writing and delivering papers and obtaining approvals.
- Provide operational input to the delivery of EWR Co's Depot solution including the fleet maintenance approach.
- Coordinate the operational input for unit design reviews, delivery plans, vehicle acceptance and service introduction from an Operational perspective.

For the long-term fleet, you will:

- Participate in the development of the Rolling Stock Customer Concept work throughout the process to Entry into Service.
- Play a key role in the team responsible for the market engagement.
- Support in the options for rolling stock for the complete route to meet EWR Co's aspirations, from an operational perspective.
- Develop the operational specification and documentation for the long-term rolling stock ITT.
- Work cross-functionally on the depot, servicing and stabling strategy for the full route.

Further responsibilities:

- Proactively look to drive cost, time and wasted effort out of programmes.
- Support the EWR Co commitment to customer service and an excellent customer journey.

Role Dimensions

Reporting to the Head of Operations

Given the early stage of the project, it is likely that the nature of the role may evolve as the project progresses. It is also possible that other ad-hoc activities and duties may be required.

Experience and skills

As Operations Executive for Rolling Stock for the East West Rail scheme, you will have experience in a comparable role, in a safety critical environment.

Preferably, you will also have some experience of holding roles in fast paced and complex environments during the setup of a new organisation.

Your skills and experience will include:

- Relevant experience in a rolling stock-based environment
- Comprehensive knowledge of transport operations with specific rail rolling stock experience
- Substantive knowledge of diverse business functions and principles (including, but not limited to supply chain, finance and customer experience)
- Working knowledge of rail industry legal rules and guidelines
- Good knowledge of and experience in engaging with RoSCos and other rolling stock providers
- The proven ability to develop, review and assure solutions within a complex technical environment
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to analyse complex data (quantitative and qualitative), draw conclusions, and produce solutions and decisions
- Experience of providing rolling stock solutions for technically complex, safety focused and regulated projects, where there are multiple, complex interfaces
- Knowledge of relevant legislation, standards and HSE regulations
- Experience of facilitating and driving innovation in an engineering and technical environment
- Experience and strong understanding of working in matrix team working environments
- Strong leadership, people and team management skills
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Strong ability to engage, influence and manage stakeholders

Education and qualifications

- A relevant Bachelors degree or equivalent business experience and training
- You will need to have the right to work in the UK.

What we offer:

- Competitive base salary
- Up to 20% bonus based on individual and company performance
- Up to 12% employer's pension contribution
- 36 days holiday a year (including bank holidays) + up to 2 days to buy
- Life assurance
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Perks platform with hundreds of discounts and freebies
- On-the-spot and annual awards
- Advanced learning and development programmes
- Great work-life balance and flexible working opportunities
- Enhanced family-friendly policies
- Exceptional IT tools

Join the team!

Please send your resume and a covering letter explaining why you are interested in the role and meet the above experience requirements to: recruitment@eastwestrail.co.uk