

Principal Estimator - Rail Systems and Permanent Way Lead Programme Management Office



Employer: East West Railway Company
Location: Milton Keynes
Basis: Contract

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.

Team dimensions:

- You will be reporting directly to the Managing Estimator – Estimate Delivery Lead
- You will be required to communicate and interface with other parts of the EWR Co. organisation
- You will be supported by and work with a team of cost planning and estimating specialists providing support on the production of a control cost plan / estimate and supporting construction cost plans and estimates

Responsibilities and accountabilities:

The Principal Estimator - Rail Systems and Permanent Way Lead is accountable for:

- Owning and delivering Rail Systems Cost estimates for Permanent Way and Depot Systems for the Control Cost Plan / Estimate for CS2 and CS3 when required at agreed stage gate and baseline submissions based on the required design and scope input from the EWR programme team
- Delivering Opportunity, Innovation, Value Management/Engineering and associated Risk services as a result of requests from the EWR programme team and key stakeholders for ad hoc cost planning and estimating support, based on the required design and scope input from the EWR programme team
- Liaising with the PMO and EWR programme team to ensure that assumptions, change, risk and opportunity are tracked and managed through the development of the EWR programme.

The Principal Estimator - Rail Systems and Permanent Way Lead is responsible for:

- Production and quality of the Rail Systems Cost estimates for Permanent Way and Depot Systems as part of the control cost plan / estimate for EWR Co.
- Supporting the EWR Co. commitment to customer service and the customer journey
- Taking responsibility of your own and others' health and safety and of those who may be affected in the day-to-day delivery of this role by adopting and working to the EWR Co. Health and Safety principles
- Act as a role model for EWR Co.'s vision and values, behaving in ways that are in alignment with EWR Co.'s Ways of Working, encouraging and supporting others
- Promote equality in the workplace and adopt appropriate behaviour when interacting with colleagues

Experience and skills

- A comprehensive knowledge of cost planning and estimating processes and techniques.
- A wide and varied experience of large and complex civil engineering infrastructure projects and / or building projects.
- Relevant experience in the use of cost planning / estimating computer software systems
- Relevant successful experience in the provision of cost planning and estimating services in a multi-disciplined project environment.
- A thorough understanding of the project management, planning, risk assessment & management, and investment authority processes associated with building and / or civil engineering infrastructure projects.
- Excellent communication, analytical, presentation and reporting skills.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in the delivery of large-scale public infrastructure projects and programmes preferably in the rail sector
- Extensive experience of leading and managing a cost planning and estimating function
- Extensive experience in applying cost planning and estimating techniques
- An excellent communicator who is comfortable and proficient when working with individuals at all levels, both within the organisation and across the supply chain.

Education and qualifications

- Degree-educated in Quantity Surveying, Cost and Commercial Management, Engineering, or related discipline
- Desired: Membership of relevant professional body

What we offer:

- Competitive base salary
- 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

EWR Co strives to embrace a flexible working environment, where a degree of flexibility is maintained to accommodate both the needs and preferences of employees and what is required to achieve business objectives. EWR Co will always work with any individual to assess and accommodate an individual's work life balance and style.

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**