

# DCO & Land and Property Project Manager

**Employer:** East West Railway Company

**Location:** Milton Keynes

**Basis:** Interim

**Role Summary:** As the DCO & L&P Project Manager here at EWR Co, you will co-ordinate the activities required to ensure a successful development consent. You will ensure internal stakeholders are engaged in the DCO process, oversee supporting activities and provide reporting to senior management to delivery against the agreed schedule.

**Team dimensions:** Reporting directly to the DCO Director

## 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.

## Key Focus of the Role

The DCO & L&P project manager is responsible for ensuring the delivery of the elements of the programme that will enable the successful delivery of the Development Consent Order (DCO) through coordination with partners, suppliers and stakeholders. This will include, but is not limited to:

- To co-ordinate the delivery of key products across a range of disciplines to ensure the successful submission of a DCO application against the agreed schedule
- To ensure that deliverables are completed to the required quality to enable the DCO submission to be compliant with legislative requirements
- To act as the EWR Co single point of contact for the DCO programme
- To provide project management support for the activities of the DCO Team

## Responsibilities of the Role

As DCO & L&P project Manager you will have the following responsibilities:

- Planning and effective coordination and resolution of issues for the tasks and projects under your control, where necessary initiating corrective actions
- To manage development and delivery of the DCO Programme Execution Plan
- Co-ordination of the different elements of the DCO programme to time, cost and budget and within the agreed governance
- Oversight and management of associated risks and issues arising from the DCO programme
- Provide project management support for the activities of the DCO Team including the land & property programme
- Monitor and prepare reports for senior managers and Department for Transport Sponsors
- Monitor and manage the integrity and interfaces in the DCO process, ensuring quality control, continuous improvement and where appropriate innovation are consistent with EWR Co values.
- Ensure the production of appropriate documentation to support the statutory processes, ensuring quality and legislative requirements are met
- Maintain appropriate documentation through the DCO process to ensure assurance activities can be met and scheme design are archived appropriately
- Take responsibility of your own and others' health and safety by adopting and working to the EWR Co Health and Safety principles.
- Interface with PMO and Design teams to support delivery of products and appropriate metrics
- Co-operate with EWR Co in all matters relating to health and safety, including following safe working procedures at all times.
- Act as a role model for EWR Co's vision and values, behaving in ways that are aligned with EWR Co's Ways of Working, as well as encouraging and supporting others to do so too.
- Promote diversity in the workplace and adopt appropriate behaviour when interacting with colleagues

## You should apply if you are:

- A compelling, convincing and articulate communicator, who uses written and oral communications to inspire as well as convey succinct and clear messages
- Demonstrably fair, open and honest, with a strong moral compass
- Unswerving in your attempts to seek the best value to the public purse
- A self-starter who excels in a fast-paced and changing environment
- Comfortable in a politically influenced environment where strategic change may frequently lead to a new approach and a sudden reworking of previous efforts.
- Intrinsically flexible and relaxed in a role which grows and changes as the project develops, doing whatever is necessary to deliver the desired outcomes
- Motivated by helpfully challenging your peers, and being challenged by peers, to achieve better outcomes
- A problem solver who is excited by resolving issues at pace
- Well versed in design management and at ease with, all the basics of project management – including the control of cost, schedule and risk
- Proficient in using your analytical skills to develop and deploy incisive mitigations
- A passionate supporter of innovation and improvement, who is always searching for better ways to deliver
- Captivated by the opportunity to lead disruptive change to the UK infrastructure sector
- Motivated to develop and grow professionally as a project leader and/or specialist
- A strong enthusiast of a paradigm shift in working practices and project reporting, using technology to empower honesty and accuracy and drive successful delivery and productivity change
- Driven to lead a step change in how design management is used, and how bureaucracy can be drastically cut to aid delivery certainty.

## You should apply if you have:

### Skills:

- Effective leadership, interpersonal and communication skills (essential)
- Confident, succinct and clear communication (essential)
- Adept at balancing competing needs and pressures to achieve strategic aims (essential)
- At ease with, and having an appetite for, technological change (desirable)
- A proven successful builder of constructive working relationships within a matrix structure and a major project environment (highly desirable)
- Degree qualified in an appropriate business discipline or an experiential equivalent (desirable)
- Chartered membership of a relevant professional body (desirable)

### Knowledge:

- Knowledge of the processes and activities required to deliver development consent (essential)
- Good knowledge of programme and project management tools, eg PRINCE 2 (essential)
- A good understanding of continuous improvement methodologies and ideas (highly desirable)

**Experience:**

- Broad experience of working in a project management role within a complex, safety focused and regulated organisation with multiple complex interfaces, and delivering to time budget and quality (essential)
- Significant experience of demonstrable personal responsibility for managing complex infrastructure projects (desirable)
- Experience of working on major infrastructure projects to support a DCO, hybrid Bill or Transport and Works Act consenting process (Essential)
- Experience of managing risks and controlling projects (Highly desirable)

## 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](mailto:recruitment@eastwestrail.co.uk)