

Head of Risk

Employer:	East West Railway Company
Location:	Milton Keynes
Basis:	Permanent
Role Summary:	The overall lead for risk within the Enterprise. Leads, develops, implements and coordinates an effective risk and opportunity management capability.
Team dimensions:	Reporting directly the PMO Transformation 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.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Accountabilities

- Formulate the risk strategy, policy and framework for the EWR business.
- Manage risk consistently across the EWR enterprise and programme and maintain a specific focus on the identification and exploration of opportunities.

Responsibilities

- To be the subject matter expert for risk management best practice throughout EWR developing and embedding an effective risk management culture across the business including functions and partners.
- Driving and coordinating the active management of assumptions across the business.
- Supporting business management in terms of business planning, risk management tools and contracts.
- Develop and implement a model to support effective delivery of the risk management service across a multibillion £ programme and for the Enterprise.
- Integrate the risk management activity with the other elements of programme controls, specifically schedule, cost, change and reporting to support the outputs from the Programme Management Office and the outcomes of the Programme.
- Report on risk to senior management and Board.
- Provide risk reports to the directorates and cross functional teams and support the internal and external reporting processes as required.
- Exploit emerging “best practice” risk and opportunity methodologies from other major infrastructure programmes.
- Own and maintain the risk and opportunity tools required by EWR.
- Deliver and ISO 31000 compliant solution.
- Act as a role model for EWR Co’s vision and values, by supporting the EWR Co commitment to customer service, promoting diversity in the workplace, adopting appropriate behaviour when interacting with colleagues, and encouraging and supporting others to do the same.
- Your own and others’ health, safety and wellbeing by adopting and working to the EWR Co Health and Safety principles, ensuring you follow safe working procedures at all times.

Role Dimensions

Reports to the Programme Management Office Transformation Director. Line manager for 3 roles within the Programme Management Office team.

Mentor and coordinator for all members of the supply chain involved in the risk and opportunities management process.

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

- In depth understanding and experience in qualitative and quantitative risk management techniques at project, programme and corporate/enterprise level on major infrastructure projects/programmes.
- Experience in building and managing a team of risk professionals.
- Proven ability in managing and communicating to key internal and external stakeholders at all levels of an organisation.
- Development of a Risk Management Strategy.
- Development, selection and implementation of the relevant Systems, Processes and Reports capable of delivering EWR's strategy and objectives.
- Development of a supply chain risk management strategy

Education and qualifications

- Educated to at least degree level, or equivalent training and experience. Risk certification highly desirable (IRM, APM).
- Good working knowledge of the systems and toolsets used for Risk Management databases and cost and schedule risk analysis software (e.g. ARM, Primavera Risk Analysis (Pertmaster)).

What we offer:

- Competitive base salary
- Quarterly bonus scheme, based on individual 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