

Strategic Category Manager_Purchasing

Your tasks

Stakeholder Partnership

Act as interface and represent the interests of Continental and the Purchasing Community towards all internal and external stakeholders (e.g. Engineering, Plants, Suppliers)

Understands the business and purchasing strategy to derive actions for own managed category

Guide, support and train local and central stakeholders to execute with the right tools, methods and processes

Category Management

Develop and sustain (supplier) strategy for respective integrated category in alignment with all relevant stakeholders and supervisors (e.g. Engineering, Regions, Plants) and in compliance with all relevant purchasing processes, guidelines and procedures

Understand multiple data management systems and manage data analytics for the respective integrated category (identify spend profile and concentration, estimate / predict demand etc.)

Turns strategy into concrete actions and tangible goals as well as defining, monitoring and reporting relevant KPIs to track progress where applicable

Ensures stakeholder satisfaction through transparent and early communication / involvement

Supply Management

Analysis of the global supplier market and conduction of benchmark analysis to derive actions for the global supplier portfolio

Implements and maintains sustainable supplier relationship and conducts Strategic Supplier Meetings to deploy the global integrated category strategy

Responsible for steering the annual supplier evaluation and derives development programs where needed

Performs annual and regular negotiations to constantly improve the cost situation for respective integrated category, actively drives improvement or Total Cost of Ownership programs with suppliers

Monitor if supplier acts in line with Continentals Business Partner Code of Conduct (BPCoC), responsible value chain (RVC) rules and processes and takes actions accordingly

Initiates the New Supplier Introduction Process

Source to Contract

Autonomous preparation, conduction and finalization of international negotiations for own integrated category including supplier decisions compliant with the relevant internal policies (incl. audit-compliant documentation) with the target to achieve the defined goals and a special focus on highest value creation (e.g. with support of Terms &



Job ID
REF937090

Field of work
Purchasing

Location
Shanghai

Leadership level
Leading Self

Job flexibility
Onsite Job

Legal Entity
Continental Tires Co., Ltd.

Conditions (TCO) analysis)

Drives make or buy scenarios, optimizes bundling effects and initiates Value-Engineering projects

Conduct complaint and claim negotiations with special strategic interest which can't be performed independently by the local units

Effective management of contract lifecycle for both existing and new contract agreements - compliant with the relevant internal policies (incl. audit-compliant documentation) - in order to ensure performance, financial and operational success

Project Management

Lead or participate in projects with relevance for owned category or within the purchasing organization

Your profile

- Academic degree in economics, engineering or equivalent qualification
- Proper experience of the MS Office 365 programs as well as other relevant IT tools
- Fluent skills in English language, written and oral, further languages skills are beneficial (i.e. German, Spanish, etc.)
- Several years of relevant professional experience in Purchasing (or similar functions) in an international environment
- Advanced experience in project management and working in projects with an international scope / environment
- Good experience in conducting negotiations with a global responsibility
- Knowledge on purchasing processes (and/or relevant to the field) description and optimization
- International and intercultural competency as well as several years of work experience in an international environment required
- Working experience in negotiating and operating with different cultures and international teams (e.g. on purchasing issues)

Our offer

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