

Global Lead Buyer & Regional Coordinator – Raw Materials Purchasing

Your tasks

HOW YOU WILL MAKE AN IMPACT

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Key Responsibilities

1. Commodity & Strategy Management

- Develop and implement commodity strategies aligned with Corporate Purchasing
- Lead global and regional negotiations, RFQs, contract awards, and implementation
- Secure short- and long-term supply at competitive total cost, quality, and innovation standards
- Conduct market and cost modeling analysis to support sourcing decisions and identify cost reduction and value creation initiatives

2. Supply Assurance & Raw Material Coordination

- Ensure uninterrupted supply of raw materials for planned production across assigned global and regional portfolios
- Support forecasting, budgeting, material planning, and inventory optimization to meet inventory targets and KPIs
- Monitor supply chain for efficiency opportunities and partner with Logistics, R&D, Finance, and Manufacturing

3. Supplier Relationship Management & Development

- Manage assigned global and regional supplier relationships, including performance reviews and executive engagement
- Source, evaluate, onboard, and develop new suppliers within assigned material cluster
- Drive Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) including segmentation and rationalization
- Lead quality issue resolution and escalation management in alignment with stakeholders
- Monitor and ensure communication of forecasts to suppliers

4. Market Intelligence & Risk Management

- Monitor macroeconomic and commodity market developments (feedstock trends, FX rates, inflation, regulatory changes, industry demand, regulations, market trends etc)
- Identify sourcing risks and opportunities
- Exchange regularly with Regional Management and Corporate Purchasing
- Support sustainability, compliance, and corporate initiatives (eg conflict minerals, environmental programs)



Job ID

REF98848X

Field of work

Purchasing

Location

Fort Mill

Leadership level

Leading Self

Job flexibility

Hybrid Job

Working time

Full Time

Legal Entity

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC

5. Stakeholder & Cross-Functional Leadership

- Serve as regional ambassador for Corporate Purchasing strategy and support plant purchasing teams on sourcing strategies
- Partner with R&D, Manufacturing, Logistics, Finance, Quality, Legal, and ISCM (Inbound Supply Chain Management) to drive value and operational excellence
- Coordinate activities within the regional raw material cluster and represent Procurement in management forums

6. Reporting & Systems Governance

- Maintain material and supplier databases as needed for price tracking, and procurement systems (SAP, sourcing tools, savings trackers)
- Report savings, action plans, performance metrics, and provide input on raw material costs for P&L rollup and budgeting
- Ensure compliance with all company and Corporate Purchasing policies

7. Additional Responsibilities

- Participate in audits and assessments to ensure quality supply standards
- Travel approximately 20- 30% (international included)
- Execute projects as assigned

Your profile

WHAT YOU BRING TO THE ROLE:

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Economics, Supply Chain Management or related field
- 5+ years of professional experience (3+ preferred in procurement, buying, sales, or supply chain management)
- Strong analytical and cost optimization skills with proficiency in data analysis
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office, particularly Excel and PowerPoint
- Excellent negotiation and contract management capabilities
- Strong organizational and project management skills with ability to manage multiple priorities
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with ability to influence stakeholders
- Experience with multinational organizations and matrix organizations
- Legal Authorization to work in the US is required. Continental is not able to offer sponsorship now or in the future for this opportunity
- Continental is able to pay relocation expenses for this opportunity.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO STAND OUT

- 7+ years of professional experience (3+ preferred in procurement, buying, sales, or supply chain management)
- 3+ years of experience in global sourcing or multi-regional procurement coordination
- Demonstrated leadership experience managing procurement teams or cross-functional projects

- Familiarity with sustainability and environmental compliance standards in procurement
- Experience in manufacturing or raw materials / commodity procurement

Our offer

THE PERKS

- Immediate Benefits
- Robust Total Rewards Package
- Paid Time Off
- Volunteer Time Off
- Tuition Assistance
- Employee Discounts, including tire discounts
- Competitive Bonus Programs
- Employee 401k Match
- Diverse & Inclusive Work Environment with 20+ Employee Resource groups.
- Hybrid Work
- Employee Assistance Program
- Future Growth Opportunities, including personal and professional
- And many more benefits that come with working for a global industry leader!

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