

My client, Longview Fibre (www.longfibre.com) has a key opening for a Senior Supply Base Specialist (Senior Procurement Specialist) for their headquarters in Longview, WA. This area of the Pacific Northwest provides an optimal setting – near metro Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA and 2.5 hours south of Seattle, WA. The cost of living is very reasonable and the quality of life is very high. I wondered if you might know of someone for this position?

Longview Fibre is a dynamic, progressive and growing company and this is a key position for the organization. Relocation assistance will be provided. I wanted to network with you to see if this position might be of interest to you or to someone else to whom you might be able to refer me. Any assistance in my search efforts would be very helpful and greatly appreciated. Longview is eager to fill this position as soon as possible. Following is some background on the company and position. In advance, I look forward to hearing from you.

Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc. produces light-weight, multiwall and complimentary specialty kraft papers for an established domestic and global customer base. The company also produces containerboard and corrugated boxes. Longview operates a pulp and paper mill at Longview, WA, and a network of seven converting plants in the western United States.

Our pulp and paper mill is strategically located in Longview, WA, close to several export ports and with ready access to Interstate 5, two rail lines and on-site barge traffic. Our facilities include one of the highest-capacity and most diverse paper mills in North America, and a network of well-equipped corrugated container plants in four Western states. We manufacture more than 70 grades of kraft paper and containerboard, and supply a broad range of corrugated packaging and solid fibre slip sheets. We supply our products to 35 countries worldwide.

But our strength isn't just in our numbers or in our equipment, or even in our eight decades of experience. It's in our passion. Our people. Our capabilities. Our dedication to our craft, customers and planet. Small wonder some customer relationships span more than 50 years.

For the Senior Supply Base Specialist (Senior Procurement Specialist) position we are seeking candidates who have been involved in the procurement of consulting services and contractors vs. buying parts or raw material. This would be someone who has worked with contractors who install, maintain and/or repair production equipment. We are seeking someone with a history with contracts for facilities-related services – which includes areas such as roofing, waste disposal and landscaping. The right candidate will have:

At least seven years of procurement experience in a manufacturing environment.

MUST HAVE: Bachelor's (BA/BS) degree in supply chain, business administration, engineering or other appropriate major; a Master's degree is preferred.

Certified Purchasing Manager designation is desired.

Ability to comprehend and apply Strategic Sourcing and Procurement principles, policies, concepts and standards and procedures, including price analysis, negotiations, ethics, and Procurement law. Experience with conducting complex analysis projects.

An understanding of strategies, risk and opportunities within assigned categories; ability to facilitate development of strategy and identify risk and opportunities; ability to develop and execute strategy implementation.

Understanding of contract administration, laws and liability; ability to communicate with attorneys and business units to resolve contractual issues. Understanding of materials planning and reporting, demand forecasting, product and materials; ability to maintain optimal inventory levels; proficient in MRP system.

Proficient in MS office applications including: Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, ERP or JDE system. Ability to apply various systems to Company's Procurement activities. Hands-on experience, working with a computerized procurement system, preferably JDE. E-Procurement technology; inventory and capital equipment tracking systems; product specifications database. Knowing of procurement arrangements, including ERS, JIT, Consignment, Vendor Managed Inventory, E-Catalog, E-Procurement, and E-Source, etc.

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If this position is a strong match for your background and interests, please email me your resume at your earliest possible convenience. Or, if you can suggest either potential candidates or networking sources – please do. Alternatively, I am also very eager to learn of networking or user groups which you think would be interested in learning of this opening.

I look forward to hearing from you. In advance, thank you for your time and consideration.

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