

Do you want to power the energy transition?

Are you a flexible team player; ready, able and willing to take on varied and complex challenges?

As one of the most innovative and fast-growing companies in the Netherlands, Elestor offers exciting and competitive career opportunities with plenty of scope for both personal and professional development. Elestor has a job opportunity for a:

Technical Purchaser

32-40 hours per week
Arnhem, The Netherlands

Position

As Technical Purchaser you hold a key position in the Elestor organization. Your ultimate responsibility is to develop, implement, and maintain a purchasing strategy that supports the company's operational needs, including stability of supply, quality, cost, production and inventory goals. You evaluate market conditions to maintain inventory levels and control costs, reflect on vendor performance and manage the relationships with suppliers. You are a member of the Operations Team and report to the COO.

With the imminent operational expansion of Elestor, this position offers the right candidate the opportunity to further develop the team and to grow into a managerial role and further the develop the procurement team.

Profile

The ideal candidate has proven skills, knowledge of and experience with the procurement process for technical materials in a complex manufacturing environment. He/she has developed and maintained a strong foundation of skills and knowledge of relevant purchasing and sourcing concepts and is integer, self-motivated, assertive, resilient, open to change and embraces (personal) challenges.

You have strong communication skills and negotiating to obtain most favorable conditions is your second nature. You are accurate and take responsibility for maintaining the purchase and vendor related system data input, of which cost analysis and volume planning for materials, components, equipment, and services are an integral part.

You are able to take the lead in developing and analyzing alternative sources, are comfortable in recommending cost savings and make-versus-buy analysis. You interact closely with suppliers, production, engineering and QA to resolve quality or supply issues. You are excellent in stress and time management and are able to keep working in a safe and structured way, while under pressure to meet deadlines and cost targets.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Build, maintain and manage supplier relationships
- Negotiate contracts, improved prices and terms of business with suppliers and review opportunities to make business savings utilising negotiation and procurement best practice tools and methods
- Stay current and up to date on any changes that may affect the supply and demand of needed products and materials and advise others of any impact (e.g., monitor market trends, competitor strategies and market suppliers).
- Ensure continuous supply of required goods and materials, and communicate any supply problems which may pose a risk or impact on business operations
- Research and evaluate areas of opportunity and reduce costs where possible
- Assess and evaluate suppliers and undertake performance reviews to ensure contract compliance and manage performance improvement activities
- Explore alternative sources for goods and materials
- Support product change requests and review and communicate the impact on purchasing and production activities
- Balance both tactical executions with strategic initiatives necessary to drive cost reduction projects

Essential education, skills and experience

- Professional and intellectual capacities at higher professional education level.
- Experienced in a manufacturing environment with dynamic daily priorities.
- Experience in new-product introduction and scale to manufacturing.
- Strong technical knowledge and understanding of manufacturing processes and components, and supply chain management.
- Solid working knowledge of procurement best practices, quality systems, processes and procedures.
- Highly skilled at building and maintaining effective and productive relationships with key stakeholders and suppliers
- Strong negotiation, communication, interpersonal and influencing skills
- Analytical, numerically astute with strong proven problem identification and problem-solving abilities
- Strong judgement, decision making, and critical thinking skills. Results orientated with the ability to plan, overcome obstacles, and deliver against project deadlines
- Commercially and financially aware



- Keen attention to detail and accuracy
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Fluent in English is required, fluent in other languages is a plus.

Preferred skills and experience

- Relevant supply chain, procurement, business or economical education
- Relevant Nevi-certifications, or equivalent
- Computer literate, to include Excel, ERP and MRP
- Experience with working in an international company or international experience
- An entrepreneurial mind set

Our offer

Elestor offers an open, action-oriented and exciting working environment in a diverse and international team of highly skilled professionals. We have a flat management structure and offer many opportunities to excel and grow for the right candidates. Terms of employment are competitive and include participation in a Stock Appreciation Rights (SAR) program.

About Elestor

Elestor has been recognized as 1 of the 10 most innovative companies in the Netherlands by both the University of Amsterdam and the Dutch Chamber of Commerce. We are about to embark on an ultra-rapid growth path, fueled by multi-million-euro investments, as well as by agreements with clients strategically adopting our innovative storage technology in commercial settings.

Elestor's revolutionary low-cost flow battery systems have received several national and international awards in recognition of our ability to reduce the cost of storing electricity to an absolute minimum. Our batteries are made in accordance with a triple cost reduction strategy, using low cost and abundant active materials (hydrogen and bromine), a compact and easy to manufacture cell, and a patented pressurized system design.

Elestor has the technology to play a decisive role in realizing the energy transition towards a 100% clean electricity supply. The international market pull for Elestor's technology is concrete and very fast growing. Elestor's ambition is to build the Gigafactory equivalent for flow batteries.

Elestor is an equal opportunities employer. We believe diversity aids creativity and innovation, so whatever your race, color, nationality, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, marital status, religion, age, sexual orientation or disability, you are welcome to join our ranks. We actively promote inclusion and we abhor discrimination. We treat all our employees, contractors, workers, job applicants, suppliers, clients and everyone else with respect.

How to apply

To apply for this position, please send your application with CV and motivation letter to hrm@elestor.nl