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**Executive Director – Procurement, Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation**

**Location: Wakefield, Yorkshire - Hybrid Working**

**Salary:** **£102,309**

YPO offers a highly competitive package which includes hybrid working, generous holiday entitlement and access to a Local Government Pension Scheme (WYPF), plus a £3,500 car allowance.

**About us**

YPO has almost 50 years' experience in giving back to the public sector. Five decades ago, 13 local authorities came together to combine their buying demands and achieve efficiency, and that's when our organisation as it's known today began.

We supply products and services to a wide range of customers including schools, local authorities, charities, emergency services, the public sector, and other businesses such as nurseries and care homes.

We're 100% publicly owned, by our 13 member authorities, which means the profits we make are returned to our public sector customers, delivering even better value for money.

**About the role**

The Executive Director of Procurement is a newly created role reporting to the Managing Director. This person will be responsible for overseeing the business activities in relation to procurement, and the management of product and service-related life cycles for public sector frameworks and education resources. They will lead the strategic direction of procurement within YPO, and act as a member of the YPO Board to implement the procurement strategy.

The successful candidate will represent the organisation at a senior level with customers, suppliers, partners, shareholder authorities and stakeholders. This is one of four Executive Director roles at YPO that are elected member appointments, and who work towards the longer-term objectives and priorities established by the Board. This person will be responsible for building an effective team and developing internal and external relationships to lead the procurement function. The procurement team will be made up of approximately sixty people with two direct reports.

**About you**

To be successful in this position you will have an excellent knowledge of procurement, supplier relationships, and supply chains and be a member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply and have the relevant CIPS level 6 qualification or experience.

You will need to demonstrate evidence of commitment towards continuing personal and professional development, as well as an excellent understanding of public sector procurement and the supplies market.

This person will need to demonstrate proven experience of leading large teams with excellent influencing and negotiation skills. Experience of working at a senior level with excellent stakeholder engagement and communications skills is essential.

**Equal opportunities**

YPO is an equal opportunities employer with a vision to be the number one supplier of products and contracts to the UK public sector through recruiting and retaining the best talent.

YPO is committed to supporting the principles of equality and diversity in employment and it encourages, values and manages diversity.

They recruit, develop, and retain the most talented people regardless of gender, gender reassignment, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion and nationality.

YPO are committed to employing disabled people, and reasonable adjustments will be made to the recruitment procedure to ensure that no-one is disadvantaged because of their disability. If a disabled person is appointed, reasonable adjustments will be considered for the workplace, including premises and equipment, duties, practices or policies*.*

All applicants who confirm on their application form that they consider themselves to have a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010, and who meet the essential criteria as defined in the Job Description will be invited for a longlisting interview. Shortlisted applicants who have a disability will be asked if there are any reasonable adjustments required to enable them to attend the interview. Recruiting managers must adhere to these principles. Appointment to the post is based on merit.

**To apply**

It’s a very exciting time for the YPO. If you would like to make a valuable contribution to the future of the organisation, we would like to hear from you.

To confidentially discuss the role in further detail or request a copy of the Candidate Brief, please contact:

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**Campaign dates**

Closing date: 11th September 2023

First round of interviews: W/C 18th September 2023

Informal Conversations with YPO MD: 26th September 2023

YPO 1st stage interviews: 3rd October 2023

Appointment Panel Interviews: 13th October 2023