Manager, Rail Systems

City of Ottawa

Ottawa, Canada’s capital, is a cosmopolitan metropolis surpassing 1M residents – the fourth-largest city in Canada. With a vibrant technology sector, high median household income and affordable living costs, Ottawa is a great place to live, work, and play. The City of Ottawa is committed to its 17,000 employees, offering rewarding careers that enhance the community’s quality of life, making Ottawa one of the best places in the world to live. The City offers meaningful career opportunities in many different fields. Employees experience the satisfaction of seeing the results of their work in real-time, as citizens rely on the City’s programs, services, facilities, and infrastructure every day.

Reporting to the Director, Rail Construction Program, the Manager, Rail Systems will provide leadership and strategic direction to the Rail Systems Branch, which oversees the delivery of the Stage 2 light rail transit (LRT) Project systems for both the O-Train Line 1 Confederation Line east and west extensions and the Line 2 Trillium Line south extension. The Manager, Rail Systems will oversee the implementation of Stage 2 LRT Rail Systems, including the delivery, testing and commissioning of light rail vehicles, safety and communication systems, and traction power and overhead catenary systems, tunnel ventilation systems, radio repeater and cellular repeating systems, and train control systems. Experience with Siemens ATP and/or Thales is desirable but not required. Additionally, the Manager will provide technical and safety leadership for safety certification processes, coordination of Safety Auditor and Systems Integration Verifier contracts, and liaison with Transit Services on trains and systems training.

The Manager, Rail Systems will be responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction to the Branch, including the establishment and implementation of Branch priorities, programs, and standards that align to corporate vision, goals, and strategic planning initiatives. You will be accountable for human resources, including hiring and firing, performance management, discipline of staff as necessary, and act as spokesperson for the employer at the first step of the grievance process.

The Manager, Rail Systems will also assume overall responsibility for financial resources, which includes the oversight of complex, multi-million-dollar value contracts extending over multiple years. You will maintain positive client relationships with internal and external management, partnerships, and stakeholders, as well as interface with City of Ottawa management and the project consortiums to escalate and resolve issues.

The ideal candidate will come with a four (4) year undergraduate degree in Systems Engineering, Electrical, and/or Mechanical Engineering, plus a Professional Engineers of Ontario designation (PEO) with systems engineering and systems integration experience. A minimum of 8 years engineering, construction, and commissioning, and safety certification project management experience in managing major large-scale transportation initiatives, including a minimum of 5 years in managing human resources and external contract resources, and operating and capital budgets, preferably in a municipal setting. You are familiar with procedures pertaining to infrastructure projects/services, as well as practices, trends and developments in light rail system design, construction and maintenance. You must be familiar with applicable health and safety legislation, have knowledge of any potential or actual danger to health or safety in the workplace, and understand the appropriate actions to be taken in order to ensure the health and safety of staff in accordance with applicable legislation and City policies and procedures.

The City of Ottawa is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and The City of Ottawa throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

To explore this opportunity further, please contact Diana Rucchin at Odgers Berndtson at diana.rucchin@odgersberndtson.com or submit your resume and letter of interest online to <https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/18194> by **July 1st, 2022.**