

Water Efficient Product and Technologies Specialist

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Job code: Tech Specialist
Applications due: 18 December 2009
Interviews in London: Week commencing 11 January 2010

Job description

Salary: £25,000 to £35,000 per annum, depending on experience
Contract: Full-time, permanent
Location: Waterwise, Central London
Line Manager: Operations Director, Waterwise

Waterwise, the leading UK water efficiency body and influential non-governmental organisation, is looking to expand its work with water using and saving product manufacturers, retailers and related sectors. Over the past four years we have worked closely with product designers and retailers to bring new water efficiency products to the UK market while also launching the Waterwise Marque, the first water efficiency product label and award in the UK.

We are now looking for a specialist who combines knowledge of sustainable technologies with understanding of market transformation. The specialist will be expected to work with product inventors and designers, assess existing technologies (ranging from simple retrofit products, to more advanced domestic technologies like rainwater and greywater systems, as well as plumbing and boiler systems, and outdoor systems), develop the Waterwise Marque and Waterwise's products strategy, as well as liaise with manufacturers and retailers. It is expected that the specialist would also draw on EU and worldwide knowledge of water efficiency products and market transformation, as well as build on existing initiatives in the UK.

Specific tasks will include but are not limited to

- The development of a strategy for increasing market penetration of water efficiency products in the UK;
- Designing and implementing a framework for the evaluation of water efficiency products, including testing and ranking protocols;
- Managing the Waterwise Marque and developing it further;
- Liaising and managing relationships with manufacturers and retailers;
- Acting as an information hub on water using products and water saving technologies; and,
- Working with inventors and product designers to bring innovative products onto the market.

In addition to the above duties, it will also be expected that the specialist provide technical support to research projects, develop and conduct research related to the built environment, and feed into Waterwise's wider policy, regulation and development activities.

Person specification

The following are considered **essential** competencies and attributes for candidates for this post:

Knowledge

- Educated to a higher degree level in a related discipline such as physics, engineering, architecture, *although candidates with the right experience in the built environment, building services, plumbing or heating will be considered*

- An excellent knowledge of market transformation and the domestic retail product market, e.g. the Bathroom Manufacturers' Association's label
- A good understanding of relevant products regulations and legislation, e.g. Code for Sustainable Homes

Skills and experience

- Experience in working with or in manufacturing sector will be appreciated
- Excellent organisational and time management skills, including the ability to deliver under pressure to tight deadlines, and the ability to multitask
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to build rapport, understand stakeholders views and needs, negotiate and deliver collaboration and commercial partnerships
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including the ability
 - to extract and summarise important points from complex discussions and research
 - to write cohesive, succinct reports that explain findings in such a way that non-specialists would understand
 - to present findings at meetings, events and conferences in a clear and interesting way
- Basic statistical analyses skills
- Proficiency in the use of Windows XP and Microsoft Office programmes, including Word, Outlook, PowerPoint and Excel

Personal Qualities

- Ability to self motivate and work toward deadlines with limited supervision; the ability to work independently is essential

The following **desirable** competencies and attributes are ones that the candidate either possesses or aspires to develop in the post:

- Good knowledge of water use and efficiency in the UK
- Good knowledge of the water industry
- Good knowledge of the commercial product market
- Good knowledge of patents
- An understanding of the links between water and energy
- Other languages an asset

Applications

To apply, please email, post or fax your curriculum vitae (C.V.) or résumé with a covering letter to Gaetane Suzenet. In the covering letter, please state why this job interests you, how your experience and skill set meet the Person Specification, and also state the job code. Two references will be required of candidates selected for interviews.

Email documents to gsuzenet@waterwise.org.uk. Please make sure all attachments are less than 4 MB total. You can also post your application to Gaetane Suzenet, Waterwise, 1 Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9BT, or fax to +44 (0)207 957 4613.

This job description and person specification seeks to provide an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the post. It is not exhaustive. Please direct questions to Gaetane at gsuzenet@waterwise.org.uk or on +44 (0)207 344 1845.