

## **Category Buyer - Indirects**

Permanent/ Full Time

Location: Based at one of 2M's sites throughout the UK.

**Are you an experienced buyer with a strong track record in managing indirect spend categories?**

**Do you have excellent negotiation skills and a passion for driving cost savings?**

If so, we want to hear from you!

The 2M Group of Companies are looking for a Category Buyer - Indirect Spend to join our team. In this exciting role, you will manage procurement activities across a wide range of indirect spend categories, including office supplies, consumables, hire contracts and services. Reporting directly to the Director of Supply Chain and Planning, you will play a key role in negotiating contracts, managing suppliers, and ensuring we achieve long-term value for the business.

### **What you'll be doing...**

- Manage the procurement of indirect categories such as office goods, consumables, hire contracts, services, and utilities.
- Lead supplier negotiations to secure favourable terms and conditions.
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with suppliers to ensure value, compliance, and performance.
- Identify opportunities for cost-saving initiatives and supplier consolidation.
- Collaborate with stakeholders across multiple sites to align procurement strategies with business goals.
- Travel to supplier locations and across our sites as required.

### **Your background...**

#### **Must have...**

- BSc or MSc degree, preferably in a relevant field.
- Proven experience as a Buyer or in a similar procurement role.
- Excellent negotiation and relationship management skills.
- Strong communication abilities, with experience engaging multiple stakeholders.
- Analytical mindset and strong logical reasoning skills.
- Proficiency in MS Office and Microsoft Dynamics.
- Previous experience managing indirect spend or category purchases.

#### **Nice to have...**

- Knowledge of chemicals, chemical distribution, or chemical manufacturing.
- CIPS qualification or equivalent.
- Additional IT skills beyond MS Office and Dynamics.
- Experience in contract management.

**Sound like a good fit? Email [recruitment@surfachem.com](mailto:recruitment@surfachem.com) to apply**

### **What we can offer you...**

- Generous holiday allowance with buy/sell holiday scheme.
- Flexible hours
- Hybrid working
- Genuine professional development opportunities through external training and internal career development programmes
- Mental health initiatives, including free therapy/counselling
- Physical wellbeing initiatives including active support and challenges

### **A bit about us...**

Maintaining a portfolio of Material & Life Science companies, the 2M Group of Companies is committed to delivering chemistry-based solutions for a better life today and a better world tomorrow. 2M Group is headquartered in the UK with customers in over 90 countries. We have established a strong presence as market leaders in the chemical industry since our formation in 2004. We are a friendly team with an innovative culture that works together to get things done. We trust everyone equally and fairly and encourage our people to be truly creative and think outside the box