

## **PDP Buyer**

Deere-Hitachi Construction Machinery Corporation in Kenersville, NC, is a premier DFT and ISO 9001-certified employer in the triad area. Located in a state-of-the-art facility, we manufacture 12-47 metric ton hydraulic excavators. Deere-Hitachi is looking for a PDP Buyer. The successful candidate will create purchase orders for first article and first lot orders; track material delivery to schedule and monitor inspection results. This will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Process Engineering Change Orders (ECOs). Coordinate phase in and phase out of material with Engineering, QA, Logistics, Manufacturing, and suppliers.
- Create purchase orders for new products, monitor for on-time delivery and successful inspection results.
- Serve on commodity-based PDP teams to support ongoing PDP projects with cost analysis, cost reporting, target costing, sourcing proposals, design reviews—all PDP activities required to get parts sourced for optimum quality, delivery and cost performance.
- Ensure that material needed to support ECOs & new product introductions is available when needed for orderly inspection and disposition. Recognize and escalate delivery issues on a timely basis—with the supplier and within DH. Develop recovery plans to support implementation schedules.
- Work with suppliers and with other DH departments to minimize and properly disposition obsolete material. Coordinate scrap, sale or rework of obsolete material.
- Set up initial master data in SAP for new parts (safety stocks, time fences, source list change requests, kanban control cycle requests, etc.).
- Send and track quotations as needed to support new parts or revisions to existing parts.
- Compile and analyze data to support competitive assessments and sourcing decisions, in accordance with department policies.
- Provide input to feedback / rating process for assigned suppliers.
- Maintain tooling bailment agreements and addendums for assigned suppliers.
- Assist Deere with service part sourcing and supplier agreements as needed.
- Cross-train with New Product Coordinator to learn bill of material entry, ECO tracking tools, and material master creation to backup/supplement these functions as needed.

The successful candidate should meet the following requirements and preferred skills:

- Four-year degree. Concentration in Supply Management, Operations Management, Engineering, or Accounting preferred).
- Computer skills in Microsoft Windows, MS Office, and SAP strongly preferred.
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills.
- Minimum 18-24 months experience as a Production Buyer (tactical purchasing) role, or equivalent experience for outside candidates.

Deere-Hitachi offers highly competitive compensation and outstanding benefits (including medical and dental insurance, an educational tuition assistance program and a 401(k) plan). Deere-Hitachi is a drug-free/safe work environment and affirmative action employer.