

Ngā Kōrero e pā ana ki te Tūranga

Job Description

Procurement Specialist

Business Group	Te Pou Ranagatōpū Corporate
Location	Auckland
Salary band	A7

Mahi i roto i te Ratonga Tūmatanui | Working in the Public Service

Ka mahitahi mātou o te ratonga tūmatanui kia hei painga mō ngā tāngata o Aotearoa i āianei, ā, hei ngā rā ki tua hoki. He kawenga tino whaitake tā mātou hei tautoko i te Karauna i runga i āna hononga ki a ngāi Māori i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka tautoko mātou i te kāwanatanga manapori. Ka whakakotahingia mātou e te wairua whakarato ki ō mātou hapori, ā, e arahina ana mātou e ngā mātāpono me ngā tikanga matua o te ratonga tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

In the public service we work collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealanders now and in the future. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. We support democratic government. We are unified by a spirit of service to our communities and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

Mō ētahi atu kōrero hei whakamārama i tēnei kaupapa, haere ki | You can find out more about what this means at [Role and purpose - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

To Mātou Aronga | What we do for Aotearoa New Zealand

At Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | Ministry of Education, delivering our purpose makes a real difference to all ākonga of Aotearoa:

He mea tārai e mātou te mātauranga kia rangatira ai, kia mana taurite ai ōna huanga
We shape an education system that delivers excellent and equitable outcomes

We fulfil our purpose by:

- delivering services and support nationally, regionally and locally to and through the education sector and in some cases directly to ākonga and whānau
- shaping the policies, settings and performance of the education system so that it is well placed to deliver equitable outcomes for ākonga and their whānau, from early learning through tertiary.

Tēnei Tūranga | About the role

The Procurement Specialist supports the Team Manager, Procurement and the team with operational type tasks such as contract database management and workflow, supplier panel and resourcing market requests, analysis and reporting.

The Procurement Specialist assists with running non-complex tender processes, including developing documentation, managing the tender process through to award of contracts and management of smaller contracts/specialist areas. It supports the effective use of sourcing strategies for resources to ensure best value for money outcomes are obtained, in line with Ministry objectives and purpose.

Ngā Haepapa | Accountabilities

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As a Specialist within Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | the Ministry of Education you will:

- Share specialist knowledge across the organisation and with stakeholders, working with others to inform operational level decision making.
- Contribute to an effective team with a positive approach to the work environment that encourages and supports high performance, collaboration and problem solving.
- Lead the resolution of issues, identifying risks and solutions to protect and enhance the integrity and reputation of the Ministry.
- Lead or contribute to the development and implementation of innovative and fit-for purpose solutions and frameworks for current and future challenges.
- Develop and use data and insights to make evidence-based decisions and recommendations on operational issues.
- Build capability in others through coaching, quality assurance, and proactively sharing knowledge and expertise.

As the Procurement Specialist you will:

- Develop strong relationships with relevant stakeholders to help understand service requirements and refine specifications to form tender documents and help deliver value for money outcomes.
- Coordinate the 'end to end' tender process for large volumes of procurement activity. This includes:
 - Drafting and releasing tender documents
 - Monitoring and responding to clarifications questions
 - Closing off tenders
 - Coordinating the tender evaluation process and selecting suppliers in line with Government Procurement Rules and guidelines
 - Developing contract award recommendations and ensuring the contract finalisation/signing process meets the Ministry's requirements
- Monitor the delivery of services over the duration of a contract and ensure supplier performance is being managed and reported appropriately.
- Maintain records on the contract management system, ensuring Procurement team records are complete, accurate and up to date.
- Develop low risk contracts and assist in contract negotiations and the development of one-off or high-risk contracts.
- Carry out analysis of benchmark data to drive better outcomes, aligned with Ministry objectives and purpose.
- Contribute to the development of best practice tendering and contracting policy, procedure, tools and resources, supporting Procurement Process improvement.
- Provide information and support with respect to procurement policies, procedures, systems and templates.

You will make decisions in accordance with the Ministry's policies and delegations framework.

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Wheako | Experience

To be successful in this role you will have the following experience:

- Experience in a complex organisation
- Experience in building relationships and partnerships to achieve shared outcomes.
- Experience and knowledge of the Public Sector procurement environment, including the Government rules of sourcing.
- Experience in the Microsoft Office suite of applications, in particular Excel, Power point and Visio.

Ngā Āheinga | Capabilities

To be successful in this role you will have the following capabilities and competencies:

- A track record of bringing people together and leading, coaching and mentoring others to achieve outcomes.
- Eligible or working towards Certificate Membership (Level 3) of CIPS and/or a relevant tertiary qualification
- A proven ability to use data and insights to identify trends, risks and opportunities, to influence and guide organisational and system-level decision making.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- A commitment to ongoing personal and professional development.
- Strong organisational skills and ability to balance multiple commitments and deliver results.
- Customer focused, is dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers.

Tātai Pou | Our Cultural Competency

Tātai Pou is our Māori Cultural competency framework. It has been aligned and is complementary to the Māori Crown Relations Capability Framework (MCR). Tātai Pou is designed to support our people and organisation to give effect to the articles of te Tiriti o Waitangi in our work. The work-based capabilities have four focus areas and describe four levels of competency (high, confident, developing and essential) that enable us to deliver our partnership approach so that Māori enjoy and achieve educational success as Māori.

Pou Hono Valuing Māori	Developing
Pou Mana Knowledge of Māori content	Developing
Pou Kipa Achieving equitable education outcomes for Māori	Developing
Pou Aroā Critical consciousness of racial equity for Māori	Developing

Leadership Success Profile - Te Kawa Mataaho | Public Service



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Leadership matters. Strong leadership at every level in the Public Service will transform the experiences of New Zealanders. The Leadership Success Profile establishes “what good looks like” for leadership at all levels. Information about how the Leadership Success Profile applies to this role is available on the Ministry’s intranet.

Ngā Whakaaetanga | Approvals

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