

STRATEGIC BUYER

We're passionate about play. We believe that bringing play to communities makes the planet more livable and socially just. With thousands of installations across the world, we're excited to be a part of the movement toward a healthier, happier, global community by offering innovative aquatic play solutions designed for developing minds, thrill seekers, budding explorers, and the young at heart.

Our work culture is important to us and we believe that with a team of people who **CARE** we can achieve amazing things. From tacking a weld to putting the final touches on a piece of ad copy, we believe that every task we undertake is important and deserves our utmost **COMMITMENT**, an **ATTITUDE** that anything is possible, mutual **RESPECT**, and a level of **EQUALITY** that invites collaboration.

We're always looking for exceptional people to join the Waterplay Group of Companies. If you like working in a fast-paced, dynamic environment, have a passion for play, and truly **CARE**, then we'd love to hear from you.

Position Overview:

The primary responsibility of the Strategic Buyer is to manage inventory and supply sources, negotiate pricing and purchase materials, consumables, shop supplies and services that support manufacturing demands and lead times. The Strategic Buyer should have a strong background in purchasing, supplier negotiations, inventory control and management.

Key Responsibilities:

Purchasing:

- Prepare, review and approve purchase orders in accordance with company policy and negotiated pricing, delivery dates, terms and conditions
- Coordinate with vendors in the resolution of issues and complete nonconformance reports
- Follow-up with vendors on back-orders and advise of impact on lead times
- Help facilitate outsourcing decisions from a "lowest total cost" analysis
- Experience with foreign currencies, import duties, taxes and process

Vendor Management:

- Build and maintain vendor relationships with new and existing suppliers
- Research and evaluate vendors based on quality, total cost and lead times
- Ensure vendors consistently deliver a quality product on time
- Maintain a supplier evaluation system and coordinate improving performance
- Work with the Sales Team to forecast demand requirements
- Work with the Design Team to identify and forecast new product development requirements

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- Negotiate competitive pricing, incentives and other cost saving measures with vendors
- Gather and provide market intelligence for changes in market and supply chain options

Inventory Management:

- Maintain part costs and vendor quote information
- Monitor inventory values and stock level requirements
- Ensure all product is properly labeled, stored and safeguarded
- Manage inventory locations, perform inventory counts and investigate variances

Technical Skill Requirement:

Education:

- College diploma/degree in related field

Experience:

- Previous experience purchasing – minimum 5 years
- Previous experience in a manufacturing environment – 3 years
- Experience with ISO certification requirements would be an asset

Skills:

- Knowledge of manufacturing practices
- Knowledge of fabrication processes
- Excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills
- Highly self-motivated with a keen attention to detail
- Strong organizational skills
- Able to prioritize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment
- Ability to work in a team-oriented, collaborative environment

Software:

- Strong hands-on knowledge of PC operating systems
- Experience with Excel, Word, Outlook, CRM and ERP systems

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