

# Strategic Procurement Specialist

**This position can be located in Winamac, Indiana or Lafayette, Indiana**

## **GENERAL PURPOSE:**

The primary responsibility of the Strategic Procurement Specialist is to drive cost out of key spend categories through better supplier, process and demand management.

This position is also responsible for developing, negotiating, implementing and maintaining competitively advantageous supply strategies and support the development of new supply agreements and new suppliers to improve BraunAbility's project execution.

The incumbent will be a key contributor to review existing strategies, positively influence low cost supply, provide support for identification of new sources, perform spend and risk analysis and understand business and technical requirements to feed into the sourcing strategies.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Implement sourcing strategies for key spend categories.
- Evaluate family of Commodity suppliers and monitor performance of suppliers to contract and cost targets.
- Establish definitive measurements to drive supplier health while detecting supplier risks.
- Oversee the preparation and reporting of commodity buying trends and strategies.
- Achieve year over year Cost reduction initiatives in selected commodities.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- Strong ERP background – Epicor or Vantage a plus.
- Strong analytical & problem-solving skills.
- Strong influencing, communication and facilitation skills, including cross cultures and geographies.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate (written and verbal) technical and non-technical information, internally and externally.
- Project management skills.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Business acumen.
- Desire to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Excellent knowledge and proficiency with the Microsoft office suite and collaborative tools.
- Willingness to travel 20%.
- APICS or ISM Certifications a plus.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

This position requires a Bachelor's degree in Business, Supply Chain Management or related field and a minimum of 5+ years of successful performance in a Strategic Procurement & Sourcing Specialist position. MBA preferred.