Senior Project Manager Photovoltaic Systems

Full-time Position Dubai, UAE

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About the Opportunity:

The (Senior) Project Manager oversees the planning and implementation of photovoltaic projects. The candidate initiates and tracks the entire project with respect to contractual, financial and technical aspects and ensures that the project is completed on time and within budget. International travel may also be required.

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The role:

The (Senior) Project Manager **Photovoltaic** Systems reports to and supports the Head of the Project Team in relevant management and planning matters, as well as in project development.

The position requires extensive experience in the developing, planning and construction of photovoltaic projects.

The candidate has a range of duties as listed but not limited to the following:

Project Planning

- Oversee the planning and implementation of photovoltaic projects
- Define the objective of the project with senior management and customers
- Draft an initial work plan
- Determine the resources required to complete the project
- Draft request for quotations and initiate supplier / contractor selection
- Contribute to contract negotiations
- Review construction plan and schedules
- Develop a schedule for project completion that effectively allocates the resources to the activities
- Review the project schedule with the project team, suppliers, contractors and the senior management.
- Organize and manage the project team according to the policies and practices of the company
- Contract qualified external consultants for the project if applicable
- Prepare and execute EPC selection process
- Contribute to the contractual matters for suppliers and contractors
- Define acceptance test procedures
- Support sponsors to conclude operation and maintenance contracts
- Liaise with the different stakeholders of the project (clients, contractors, local authorities, etc.)
- Support business and project development team
- Draft basic layout of PV systems, energy yield and financial models

Project Implementation

- Execute the project according to the project plan
- Develop forms and records to document project activities
- Set up structures to ensure that all project information is documented and secured
- Monitor the progress of the project and make adjustments as necessary to ensure the successful completion of the project

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- Establish a communication schedule to update stakeholders including appropriate staff in the organization on the progress of the project
- Review the quality of the work completed with the project team on a regular basis to ensure that it meets the project standards
- Manage and complete acceptance tests
- Project handover to sponsors or system operators
- Project Controlling
- Deliver status reports on the project for management and sponsors
- Communicate with sponsors as outlined in funding agreements
- Monitor and approve all budgeted project expenditures
- Monitor cash flow projections and actuals on a regular basis
- Ensure that the project deliverables are on time, within budget and meet the project specifications
- Ensure that the project work follows the contract details

Skills requirements:

- Advanced & profound leadership skills and able to manage team performance in an efficient and goal oriented way
- Excellent communication skills at all levels
- Decisive personality that can resolve problems
- Foster teamwork cooperatively and effectively with others to set goals
- Staff development: supervising, coaching, and mentoring staff according to their skills sets
- Assess situations to determine and mitigate risks
- Willingness to travel internationally

Qualifications & Experience:

- Degree in Engineering (Electrical/Civil/Mechanical)
- Min 5 years (10 years preferred) of relevant work experience
- Project management background with proven track record
- Experience in design and/or construction of photovoltaic systems
- Local work experience in the UAE is welcome
- Language skills: Full professional proficiency in English is a must (spoken and written); Spanish is an advantage

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