



SOURCING SPECIALIST - IT & TELECOMS

PROFILE 1

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Supply Chain Manager - ICT (Major Bank)

2016

Role encompassed Sourcing and Contract Management responsibilities

- Led renewal/renegotiations for worldwide voice and data services with Verizon (saving £800K), Eircom (saving 25%); and KCom (agreeing a short term extension to provide flexibility for the Bank to re-size).
- Developed and implemented category strategies for the following HR services: Wellbeing, Reward, Staff Incentives, Pensions, Permanent Recruitment, Training.
- Re-negotiated contract with BT for Kulu Valley video communication solution software and services, extending usage to unlimited (ELA) from restricted access numbers at no additional cost.
- ⇒ Negotiated insertion of new contractual provisions into agreements with COLT, Eircom and Verizon.
- Amanaged Network Equipment Support agreement with IBM and initiated renegotiation of mid-term commercials and inventories.
- Extensive use of Ariba.

Procurement Manager - ICT (Leading Law Firm)

2015-2016

- Negotiated major new contract with CenturyLink covering move of Data Centre from in-house to a Co-Location facility, saving c.£100K and working with Project Manager to achieve key milestones on-time.
- Controlled contract negotiations for the Data Centre move with EMC and Sunspeed, saving c.£80K in total.
- Handled co-ordination of a range of BAU Hardware/and Software desktop procurement activity, working with vendors including Lenovo; HP; Samsung; Zones; and Bytes.
- Completed new Software Enterprise Licence Agreement with VMWare, providing global rights for all offices.

Senior Category Manager - ICT (Major Services Outsourcing PLC)

2015

- ⇒ Controlled Networks, Telecoms and IT Security categories within Procurement Department.
- Managed cost reduction initiatives, working with vendors including Level 3, Telefonica and Vodafone. Achieved total savings of £450K+ through re-negotiation of existing agreements, including £100K with Telefonica (Mobiles); £310K with Vodafone (Data Centre) and £50K with Level 3 (Networks).
- Responsible for a range of divestment-related activities resulting from the businesses revised business strategy.

Procurement Manager - ICT (Major Financial Services Organisation)

2014-201

- Controlled new Software requirements, renewals and consolidations with vendors including HP; NetIQ; Symantec and BMC.
- ⇒ Handled Procurement for business transformation projects within IT Infrastructure, including:
- Firewalls Replacement multiple vendor project involving BT, Cisco and McAfee.
- ⇒ Enterprise Control Centre project saving £100K on £600K spend.
- ⇒ Internet Security/Acceleration Replacement project saving over 50% versus budgeted costs.

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Sourcing Manager - ICT (Major Banking Group)

2013

Handled a range of Software, Professional Services and Operations Sourcing activity within Central Procurement Group.

Negotiated contracts with vendors including:

- ⇒ Ion Trading Software, saving £250K on £4M spend.
- Calypso Software/Professional Services, saving £550K on £6M spend.
- Supported branch divestment project, working on contracts separation with vendors including Parseq, Travelex, Amex and CashFac.

Sourcing Manager - ICT (Leading Bank)

2012

- ⇒ Short term contract to complete urgent year-end Software and Hardware renewals including Exadata contract with Oracle (£200K); HR Systems Hosting agreement with NorthGate Aristo (£2.3M); and major contract with IP Soft (£1.5M).
- ⇒ Performed contract re-mediation activities with Vocalink, Rackspace and RiskFactor.
- ⇒ Met year-end deadlines whilst achieving savings on renewal costs.

Senior Sourcing Manager (Major Bank)

2010 - 2012

- Amanaged a team of Sourcing staff covering Infrastructure Hardware, Software, Networks and Telecoms across the EMEA region, with a total spend of £250M P/A.
- Team achieved savings of around £15M P/A in mature area including BT Radianz £1.5M; O2/Vodafone £2M; EMC £1.2M; and Hardware Reseller £1.5M.
- ⇒ Handled key activities relating to the merger of the Bank.

Sourcing Manager - ICT (Major Bank)

2001-2010

- Achieved average annual savings of £6M, including £2.6M on MPLS contracts with BT and AT&T; £1.5M on Mobiles contract with O2; and £2.1M on new Bureau Services (Software) contract with Broadridge.
- Controlled multiple projects within technology area, with vendors including BT, Avaya, Cisco, HP, IBM, AT&T, O2, Vodafone and COLT, plus numerous Software, Professional Services and Market Data vendors.
- ⇒ Worked on divestment project relating to the sale of investment management business to another bank.

Procurement Manager - ICT (Major Government Services Organisation)

1999-2000

⇒ Handled contracts across all categories, including Software, Facilities Management and Professional Services.

Procurement Manager - (Financial Services PLC)

1996-1998

⇒ Worked on establishment of a Procurement function in a 'greenfield' site, achieving savings and improvements across categories from IT to Facilities Management.

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