

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Senior Transport Economist
Department: Capital Investments
Business Unit: Transport Planning
Reports to: Head of Transport Planning

1. JOB PURPOSE

Our current Capital Investments Programme is the largest such programme in our history, including the delivery of the €5bn nationwide programme of capital investment projects nationally and regionally, including the Greater Dublin Area. We require committed project appraisal professionals to help make its ambitious aims a reality.

To support this, a position of Senior Transport Economist is required within the Transport Planning Department of Capital Investments. This role will report into the Head of Transport Planning.

2. WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH:

- IÉ Capital Investment Departments
- IÉ RU and IM Departments
- IÉ Corporate Communications
- IÉ Corporate Transformation
- National Transport Authority
- Department of Transport
- Local Councils
- Rosslare & Freight

4. KEY QUALITIES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE)

Essential:

- Hold a minimum of a degree in a relevant discipline, being Economics, Statistics, Finance, or other relevant discipline.
- Have a minimum of 6 years' overall relevant experience with 3 of these years working in an economics-centred role; and
- Have demonstrated experience in the development, analysis and/ or review of capital investment project/programme business cases or other related appraisal experience.
- Good knowledge of transport economics.
- Ability to manage and deliver to multiple project deadlines simultaneously, while managing several consultant teams.
- Proven ability to analyse complex information and present information clearly and effectively.

- Experience with procurement processes and comfortable managing budgets.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain cross functional relationships with people at all levels.

Desirable:

- Experience in a transport planning function (incl. experience using transport modelling tools)
- Experience in preparing presentations and external strategy documents
- Experience using the National Transport Authority’s Regional Modelling System (RMS) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland’s National Transport Model (NTpM) and/or other comparable transport modelling tools.
- Have economics related professional experience working with or within a public sector context.
- Understand the national, regional, and local policy context for rail projects/ programmes.
- Experience in preparing presentations and external strategy documents.
- Good knowledge of railway economics
- Excellent presentation preparation and delivery skills.

Competencies:

- Economics
- Analytical
- Planning
- Communication
- Commercial
- Driven

5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure effective leadership, delivery, support, and monitoring of a suite of project and programme appraisals in compliance with the Infrastructure Guidelines and other relevant sectoral guidance.
- Assist in achieving a culture of compliance and adherence with key guidance and frameworks including:
 - the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery, and Reform’s *Infrastructure Guidelines* which sets out the value for money requirements for the evaluation, planning and management of public investment projects in Ireland;
 - the *Transport Appraisal Framework* which sets out key requirements for appraising transport investments in accordance with the Infrastructure Guidelines; and
 - the *NTA Project Approval Guidelines* which provide a framework for, and a phased approach to, the development, management and delivery of sustainable mobility

projects of all types, for all capital values, and for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects, funded by the NTA;

- Iarnród Éireann Capital Investment *Project Management Procedures* which provide internal guidelines for the delivery of capital projects.
- Ensure all statutory and, where relevant, non-statutory consultation submissions are submitted in accordance with set deadlines.
- Represent Transport Planning / IÉ in engaging with key primary stakeholders such as the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery, and Reform, the Department of Transport's Strategic Research and Analysis Division, and National Transport Authority during the appraisal process and on the on-going development of transport appraisal guidance to support the implementation of transport policy.
- Provide training and updates to Capital Investments delivery teams regarding updated appraisal techniques and guidance.
- Provide monthly Transport Planning Update Report.
- Lead and manage a team within Transport Planning.
- Manage a multiple transport planning and economic consultants under framework with IÉ, including monitoring expenditure.
- Support the development and application of economic tools and techniques to assist IÉ in its role of developing projects.

This job description is not exhaustive, and merely outlines the key duties and responsibilities of the position.