

ENERGY INNOVATION CENTRE - INNOVATION ENGINEER

The Energy Innovation Centre is currently seeking an Innovation Engineer, ideally with experience working for one of the UK Electricity Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) or Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs).

The Innovation Engineer will:

- Seek out and identify new technologies, innovative SMEs and value-adding service providers across the utility market and beyond network operator boundaries for application on the networks
- Assess, critique and launch tender opportunities and market research programmes on behalf of the DNOs and GDNs.
- Technically and commercially assess and validate technologies and offerings for the viability of their application for use and deployment by the DNOs and GDNs
- In conjunction with innovators, develop credible technology development and trial propositions for consideration by industry and external investment partners
- Assist with technical due diligence required to support investment in the technology by industry
- Develop proposals and robust project plans for presentation to industry partners
- Manage a community of innovators with varying degrees of experience in the sector and with proposals of varying technology readiness level (TRL)
- Assist innovators in identifying potential markets for new technologies
- Proactively identify and manage issues and blockers to the investment in projects
- Continuously contribute to the stability and growth of the Energy Innovation Centre

The successful candidate will have experience of the energy sector and ideally of working within a technical role for one of the UK DNOs / GDNs. You will be a self-starter with excellent self-motivation and a commercial flair for innovation. A first rate attention to detail will be essential as well as being a team player with a flexible approach to working hours. Sound knowledge of physics and engineering principles with analytical skills are essential to identify credible technologies and identify value adding applications in the energy networks. Excellent communication and presentation skills are also essential.

Minimum Requirements of the Role:

- At least 5 years' experience in a technical role, preferably for a UK DNO / GDN
- A Degree or equivalent in an appropriate electricity Industry subject
- Understanding of industry regulation
- Excellent communication skills
- Confident presentation skills
- Good report writing skills
- Full UK driving license

Desirables:

- Chartered Engineer
- Previous project management/authoring experience
- Small to medium team leadership experience
- Small to medium group facilitation experience
- Experience of working with or in a small to medium enterprise
- Understanding of legal and commercial factors associated with product development
- Knowledge of RIIO regulatory period and of both NIA and NIC funding streams
- Experience of DNO operations, planning, investment management, policy & standards

Pay and benefits:

- Salary range: £40,000 - £50,000 depending on skills and experience
- 25 days annual leave
- 10% employer contribution into a non-contributory personal pension plan
- Private medical insurance
- Professional subscription fees
- Childcare vouchers
- Flexible working

To be considered for this role, please send a full CV and covering letter telling us why you're the right person to help accelerate our firm's momentum to Sallyann.Greedy@energyinnovationcentre.com