Fiber Procurement Analyst

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WestRock has an opportunity for a Fiber Procurement Analyst based out of the Home Office in Norcross, GA. The Fiber Procurement Analyst conducts and supports in-depth analytical and business analyses on fiber procurement operations and fiber quality data and to help coordinate chip quality efforts among the virgin fiber mills which include total annual purchase of 30 million tons of chips, roundwood, and biomass in North America with an annual spend of $1.3 billion. The analyses are directly related to:

- Support of two fiber procurement geographic regions (Eastern Region and Southern Region) comprising 14 primary paper mill operations and over 20 satellite woodyards and chipmills.
- Support for analytical efforts pertaining to purchase acquisitions.
- Create and track analytics related to fiber quality.
- Assistance with monitoring forest industry fiber market and trends
- Assistance with budgeting process for $1.3 billion fiber spend

What You Will Do:

Support both strategic and tactical strategies across the annual cycle through the use of data acquisition, manipulation and report generation. The analyses include timber price forecasting, analyzing timber market dynamics, fiber supply and demand, forest inventory dynamics through growth to drain analyses, evaluations of WestRock wood flows and wood costs using market based zone analytics, fiber quality support, changes in the logging force and research of current market information.

Develop and write complex computer models to analyze fiber procurement operations including fiber quality. The models may incorporate linear programming, SQL (Structured Query Language) and SAS (Statistical Analysis Program) programming, statistics, regression, macros and advanced Excel functions.

Coordinate the safety program for the Forest Resources Division. This involves leading key safety initiatives, chairing the division safety team, coordinating safety activities among the mill wood procurement teams, leading safety discussions during leadership meetings, and creating weekly and monthly safety reports.

What Qualifications You Need:

Minimum education includes **one of the following**:

a. Master of Science degree in Forest Economics, Forest Resources or a related forestry field, or Bachelor's Degree in forestry related field and five years of forestry data analysis
b. Master's degree that emphasized quantitative analysis and two years of experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Skills: To perform this job successfully, an individual should have a working knowledge of MS Excel, MS Word, and advanced statistics. Additionally, a working knowledge of Visual Basic, SAS, MS Access, SQL, multiple and non-linear regression and project management are a plus.

Will need valid driver's license.