



Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation Executive Administration

VACANCY NOTICE

Post	AC02 - PLATFORM OFFICER
Grade	A4
Division	PPA Programme Division
Section	Technical Section
Management of Staff	1
Location	La Spezia, Italy
Initial Contract Duration	3 years
Closing Date for Applications	03/05/2024
Start Date	01/08/2024
Interview Date	Week commencing on 27/05/2024

1. Background

The aim of the Programme is the definition, development, production and initial in-service support of 7 Pattugliatori Polivalente d'Altura (PPA).

The PPA Programme Division is located in Rome with a Satellite office in La Spezia. The post is based in La Spezia.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder shall be responsible for all the Platform matters and will report directly to the PM.

The post-holder will be responsible for the whole Platform Contractual Activities in the following Design Areas and Systems:

- Design Areas:
 - Resistance and Power Prediction;
 - Hull and Structure;

- Sea-keeping and Manoeuvrability;
- Trim and Stability;
- Damaged Stability;
- General Arrangements.
- Systems:
 - Hull Structure;
 - Propulsion Plant:
 - energy generating system;
 - propulsion units;
 - transmission and propulsion systems;
 - propulsion support systems;
 - propulsion support systems (fuel and lube oil);
 - special purpose systems.
 - Electric Plant:
 - electric power;
 - power distribution systems;
 - lighting system;
 - power generation support systems;
 - special purpose systems.
 - Command And Surveillance:
 - Command and Control Systems;
 - Ship Management System;
 - Fire fighting and Flooding control.
 - Auxiliary Systems:
 - climate control;
 - sea water systems;
 - fresh water systems;
 - air, gas, and miscellaneous fluid systems;
 - ship control systems;

- replenishment systems;
- mechanical handling systems;
- special purpose systems.
- Outfit and Furnishings.

The post-holder will be as well responsible for the following Transversal Aspect Contractual activities:

- Production Progress;
- Platform physical integration;
- Platform functional integration;
- Passive survivability: vulnerability and signatures (IR, acoustic, magnetic);
- Standards.

In particular, the post holder will:

- monitor the development and production progress;
- monitor the Industry activities "throughout the contract" (Working Groups, Technical meetings, Progress meetings, Contractual reviews...);
- co-ordinate and monitor the acceptance for all contractual deliveries, in liaison with other sections and technical experts from the Nation;
- establish and maintain the technical compliance matrix for the Programme;
- monitor and collect evidence of technical compliance with the technical specification as defined in the contract;
- take part in the preparation and negotiation of any new contract for technical and financial aspects;
- manage the up-date of technical and operational requirements, in liaison with the Nation;
- give technical briefings and presentations during PC meetings or other formal meetings;
- verify the conditions for payments related to Platform lots of the contract;
- be responsible for the coordination of Nation/Industry for what concerns their field of work;
- participate to systems/equipment qualification/acceptance trials in collaboration with the Q&A Officer/Assistant Officer and the Product Quality Officer;
- monitor, in cooperation with PPA PD Combat System and Q&A Officers, the system integration activities;

- evaluate the Engineering Change Proposals requested by the Nation and provided by Industry for the part dealing with areas of their competence;
- support the Risk Officer in the management of risks related to Platform;
- support the PM and Internal Quality Officer in maintaining an effective and efficient Quality Management System;
- support the PM and the Planning & Reporting Officer in the related documentation drafting for all Platform aspects.

They will also support the transversal activities related to the C/S Physical integration.

As far as the other transversal activities are concerned, they will participate to them, consistently with the responsible post-holders, for the part dealing with areas of their competence.

The post holder will perform any related duties as directed.

3. Key competences and skills required for the grade

(You must provide evidence of meeting these key competences and skills in your Application, Section 12).

- CS 1** Executive management skills and the ability to manage complex negotiations as well as dealing with difficult situations such as conflicts proven through results attained in performing jobs in this field for other national/international organisations;
- CS 2** Excellent interpersonal, team working and leadership skills with the ability to interact sensitively, effectively and professionally with people from diverse cultural, educational and professional backgrounds;
- CS 3** Conceptual thinking with the ability to analyse complex and wide ranging questions, issues and information, with a structured approach to the problem solving process, including providing recommended solutions and a proposed way forward;
- CS 4** The ability to work in a changing, developing and demanding environment with the ability to orchestrate and implement clear, efficient and logical approaches to work, to manage time, assignments and objectives;
- CS 5** The ability to use Computer and Information Technology (ICT) facilities, with a working knowledge of MS Office software.

4. Specialist knowledge and experience required for the post

(You must provide evidence of meeting these specialist requirements in your Application, Section 10-11).

4.1 Essential:

- ES 1** Competencies and deep knowledge of all what is listed in the area of their duties and responsibilities, competencies and skills with specific focus on naval defence procurement and contract management;

- ES 2** Broad experience in trials/testing, acceptance and qualification procedures of complex naval systems;
- ES 3** Proven experience of working with the customer governmental official technical and/or operational experts;
- ES 4** Knowledge in applying programme management disciplines in a Through Life Management sense;
- ES 5** Former experience in the National Navy General Staff/Naval Armament Directorate or equivalent Navy Central Offices.

4.2 Desirable:

- DS 1** Previous experience as Marine Engineer Officer on-board naval vessels and/or a former significant experience in the area of ship's design and/or shipbuilding is highly desirable and will be considered as an advantage;
- DS 2** Previous experience in international programmes and/or co-operation activities;
- DS 3** Experience of performing Qualitative and Quantitative assessments;
- DS 4** Knowledge of other defence related structures and organization;
- DS 5** Previous experience of pertinent rules and processes governing the quality assurance field in both industrial and governmental responsibilities.

5. **Language Requirements**

An adequate knowledge¹ of at least two of the OCCAR languages (English, French, German and Italian), one of them being English.

6. **Qualifications**

A university degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering of five or six years (MSc level, 300 or 360 ECTS) (or equivalent educational level qualification) with several years of experience in the activities directly related to the prescribed tasks (mandatory).

7. **Security Clearance**

Security clearance at OCCAR Secret level is required for this post.

8. **Applications and Points of Contact**

For further information regarding this Post, please contact:

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Applications for this Vacancy Notice should be submitted through the appropriate National Administrations.

¹ The language levels can be found on the OCCAR website, www.occar.int Careers / Applying.

Applicants who are **not** Ministry of Defence staff wishing to apply for this Post should email the completed application and supporting documentation to B009@occar.int, B010@occar.int and B015@occar.int.

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