EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

Vacancy in the Directorate of Launchers

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POST

Propulsion Engineer in the Future Launchers Preparatory Programme (FLPP), Launchers Development Programmes Department, Directorate of Launchers.

This post is classified in the A2/A4 grade band of the Coordinated Organisations’ salary scale.

LOCATION

ESA Headquarters, Paris (France).

DUTIES

Under the responsibility of the Propulsion Manager of the Future Launchers Preparatory Programme (FLPP), the Propulsion Engineer will be responsible for the day to day management of tasks related to propulsion activities, such as:

- drafting the statements of work related to the FLPP Programme propulsion activities, with the internal support and technical assistance;
- supporting contract department in the bidding process, and organising the proposal evaluation;
- supporting, as needed, negotiations with Industry of the contracts relevant to its activity;
- follow up of all relevant activities, including deliverables assessment, with reporting to Propulsion Manager;
- supporting the propulsion technology activities, especially for the development of the synergies between propulsion technology activities and the Propulsion Demonstrators;
- supporting the reference documents elaboration such as work plan, Procurement Proposals and Programme Proposal relevant to its activity;
- ensuring appropriate support to the Propulsion Manager, the postholder will report to.

The Propulsion Engineer will be assisted by a team of engineers and project control staff and supported by engineers from the Directorate of Technical and Quality Management (D/TEC), and from National Organisations within the FLPP Technical Assistance scheme.
QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should have a university degree or equivalent qualification in relevant engineering field together with a technical background of liquid and solid propulsion, gained in the management of industrial projects as well as a good knowledge of the European space transportation industry.

Organisational skills, team spirit and ability to work in an international environment are assets.

The working languages of the Agency are English and French. A good knowledge of one of these languages is required. Knowledge of another member state language is an asset.

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for applications is 02 January 2014.

Applications from external candidates for this post should preferably be made on-line at the ESA Web Site (www.esa.int/careers). Those unable to apply on-line should submit their CV to the Head of the HQ Human Resources Division, ESA, 8-10 rue Mario-Nikis, 75738 Paris, Cedex 15 (France).

ESA staff members wishing to apply for this post should fill in the Internal Application Form and email it to Apply2HQ.

The Agency may require applicants to undergo selection tests.

Under ESA Regulations, the age limit for recruitment is 55. Please note that applications are only considered from nationals of one of the following States: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Priority will be first given to internal candidates and secondly to external candidates from under-represented member states.

In accordance with the European Space Agency’s security procedures and as part of the selection process, successful candidates will be required to undergo basic screening before appointment.