



OUTLINE JOB SPECIFICATION FOR LANDSCAPE PLANNING CHAMPION

The Role

This position would suit a high calibre, talented and ambitious professional looking to take on a lead role in helping to ‘champion’ the further development of an established landscape planning business. The role involves leading the winning and delivery of strategic landscape planning work such as:

- Landscape, townscape/urban edge and seascape character assessments
- Green infrastructure plans, greenspace strategies and countryside access/recreation studies
- Historic landscape/biodiversity conservation management projects
- Landscape sensitivity and development potential/capacity studies
- National Park, AONB and World Heritage Site projects
- Landscape design guides and planning/land management guidelines

Key objectives for this role include:

- To work closely with CBA’s Directors in strengthening and further developing CBA’s landscape planning consultancy business
- Maintaining/raising profile of CBA’s landscape planning business through networking/promotion activities
- Management and development of a landscape planning team, including coaching/mentoring of staff (see details of the CBA Landscape Planning Forum below)

Critical Attributes

- Post graduate qualification with significant landscape component
- Good awareness of consultancy/commercial environments
- Practical in-depth experience of preparing strategic characterisation-based studies for a wide range of purposes
- Detailed knowledge of landscape and townscape characterisation methods / published good practice guidance
- Sound knowledge of landscape assessment, planning and management issues in the UK context
- Proven ability to lead high profile projects and to manage and inspire a multi-disciplinary team
- Excellent project/team management and organisational skills
- Sound communication, written and graphics skills
- A flair for business development and a well developed network of potential clients, opinion formers and collaborators
- High quality technical advice/inputs
- Flexibility/creativity to meet client requirements
- Ability to work both independently and as a member of multi-disciplinary teams

Desirable Attributes

- Full LI Chartered Status
- Second degree in planning, geography or related environmental-based qualification(s)
- Experience of working in a consultancy/commercial environment
- Experienced in addressing landscape and visual impact issues associated with development proposals/preparing and giving evidence to support appeals/planning inquiries
- An interest in green infrastructure and green/open space planning and management issues
- Ability in undertaking site appraisals, feasibility studies, masterplans & development briefs
- Experience of managing environmental impact assessments and preparing environmental statements
- Ability in undertaking historic landscape surveys and management plans
- Experience of addressing inter-relationships between landscape, historic environment and nature conservation planning policy issues
- Ability to write persuasive competitive bid proposals/develop new business opportunities

Location

The position may be based either in our East Sussex office (situated in a rural village within the High Weald AONB with easy access to Brighton and London), or in our London office (close to London Bridge Station).

Continuing Professional Development

CBA has a strong commitment to continued development of its professional staff. This includes support for formal skills training and in-house learning networks such as the CBA Landscape Planning Forum initiative, which provides a regular opportunity for staff from both offices to meet and discuss technical project issues and share knowledge.

IT Capabilities

CBA maintains an extensive range of the latest IT tools to support its technical work including Arc View GIS, AutoCAD, Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, SketchUp, and 3D Modelling software for example.

Applications

An attractive salary package and staff benefits are available for the right candidate.

For an initial discussion about this position, please contact Dominic Watkins, Director, on 01825 891071.

In addition to submission of a CV, applications should clearly set out your experience in relation to the above key requirements. Applications should be sent to: Dominic Watkins, Director, Chris Blandford Associates, The Old Crown, High Street, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 5JR or mail@cba.uk.net.

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