WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Vice President, Supply Chain Management

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA") was formed in 1967 to develop, finance and operate public transportation in the Washington metropolitan area. WMATA’s service area extends throughout a 1,500 square mile area in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Today, WMATA operates Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess paratransit services for a total population of four million and is consistently ranked among the top transit agencies by ridership. In 2016, commuters, visitors and other community members made over 179.5 million trips on Metrorail and over 123.5 million trips on MetroBus. More than one-third of the federal government’s workforce chooses WMATA for transportation.

WMATA is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors with eight voting members and eight alternate directors. Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and the federal government each appoint two voting members and two alternates.

WMATA is seeking a Vice President, Supply Chain Management ("Vice President"). The Vice President reports to the COO and is responsible for leading WMATA’s supply chain organization, including Bus Materials/Supplies, Rail Materials/Supplies, Facilities Materials and Warehousing, and Supply Chain Planning and Analytics. The role is responsible for the successful transformation and overall management of the materials and supplies organization, which includes the implementation of Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) operations and the Supply Chain Planning and Analytics team, along with ongoing customer service to all the daily maintenance repair operations. The Vice President is also responsible for engaging with executive leaders on recurring VMI performance reviews and with other vendor and internal management to resolve extensive operational challenges. The Vice President directs the Supply Chain Planning and Analytics team in the delivery of reliable forecasts and issues mitigation; presentation of business updates to senior leadership, delivery of supply chain performance reports and evaluation of the effectiveness of WMATA’s Supply Chain Management organization.

The Vice President has overall responsibility for WMATA’s Supply Chain Management operation. The Vice President partners with operations leadership, key stakeholders, and supply chain staff to ensure the organization supports the bus/rail parts and other parts maintenance and repair operations. S/he leads the enhancement of the parts planning processes, material and procurement practices. The Vice President is responsible for implementing practices aimed at reducing material, supply and other expenditures, as well as the annual operations budget.

The Vice President serves as the chair of the cross-functional Supply Chain Management Governance Committee, which includes scheduling and attending meetings, gathering feedback and gaining consensus on important supply chain initiatives. In addition, s/he develops, manages and directs supply chain and materials management staff. The Vice President facilitates the production of reports including financials, metrics and other data to support supply chain improvement. S/he aligns supply chain business initiatives and strategies to support larger, system-wide organizational priorities and other department directives and comply with regulatory and government standards.

The ideal candidate for Vice President, Supply Chain Management will have the following skillset:
SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

• Knowledge of or the ability to quickly learn WMATA’s operations, rules, procedures and collective bargaining agreements.
• Knowledge of industry leading lean supply chain principles, supporting applications (PeopleSoft, Maximo and Wind-chill), transportation operations and common transportation and MRO language or jargon.
• Excellent written and oral communication skills and the ability to interact with staff, internal and external stakeholders.
• Excellent executive management capabilities in a demanding operational environment.
• Proven ability to lead an organization through a transformation.
• Proven experience with Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) operations.
• Experience or understanding of the following tools: Maximo, SAP APO, Oracle Demantra, and JDA Demand applications; Personal Computers, Fax, Printers; and Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Outlook, Excel).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor’s degree in Business Management, Finance, Supply Chain or Engineering plus a minimum of twelve (12) years’ experience in Operations, Vendor Management, Maintenance Planning, Distribution Operations, Finance or Supply Chain Planning. Experience must include a minimum of eight (8) years’ experience in a management capacity within a maintenance/repair or transportation management operation. Excellent understanding of supply chain operation processes including demand planning in Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO), sales, operations planning and supply planning. Demonstrated experience successfully implementing large scale supply chain transformation strategies.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Master’s degree in MBA, Master of Science or Master of Engineering.

For additional information or to submit a resume, please contact Gregg A. Moser at gmoser@kapartners.com.

WMATA is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, physical or mental disability, or status as a protected veteran, or any other status protected by applicable federal law, except where a bona fide occupational qualification exists. Our hiring process is designed to be accessible and free from discrimination.