Available Appointments

The Department of Education and Skills now have a competition open, through the Public Appointments Service, for the position of Head of their Planning and Building Division.

This division is responsible for identifying the current and future requirements for education and training infrastructure and for overseeing a significant capital programme to deliver this to the required standard and within the allocated resources in a context of growing demand and changing needs.

This position will be based predominantly in Tullamore, Co. Offaly. However, some “presence” in Dublin may be needed.

Notably, the chosen candidate will have responsibility for a six-year school-building programme, planning future educational infrastructure, monitoring and overseeing of progress of projects already underway, analysing and developing policy options, and maintaining and developing information systems to support the infrastructure.

Ideal candidate abilities and experience include:
- excellent operational management skills and a track record of delivery through a large multidisciplinary team;
- proven experience of managing significant budgets;
- the ability to develop and implement strategy in a complex and challenging operating environment;
- excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to develop strong networks and work effectively with a range of stakeholders.

Further, “The person appointed, in addition to having the capacity to carry out the duties listed above, will be capable of discharging all aspects of the work of the Department at Assistant Secretary General level.”

More information about the requirements can be found in the job handbook, available here.

The competition will close for applications at 3pm on Thursday 14 September 2017.

The job listing can be found on publicjobs.ie by clicking here.
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Training

The PAI Annual Procurement Conference 2017 focus will be

“Technology-driven Public Procurement: An examination of current challenges and future advances”

Friday 10 November 2017
in Croke Park, Dublin 3
from 9am to 1pm, followed by networking lunch

Speakers will discuss the opportunities and the challenges that come with a more integrated, shared and digital environment. Relevant developments at an EU level will be considered during the conference.

Due to the change in date, we have extended our Super-Early Bird ticket offer. Super-Early Bird rate of €225 (+ VAT) is available until Wednesday 30 August only, and can be found on our website by clicking here

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This week in Dáil Éireann

Adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20 September 2017

This week in Seanad Éireann

Adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 26 September 2017

This week’s Committee Meetings

Tuesday 29 August

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 3 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting