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JD-Project Manager-Marine New Commissioning
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Project Manager- Marine New Commissioning

Kenner, LA

Position Details and Description:

Department:	Project Management
Reports To:	Vice President of Operations
Supervisory Responsibility:	NA
Employment Status:	Full-Time
Regular Work Arrangement:	On-site, with coordination across company & customer locations as needed
FLSA Classification:	Exempt

The Project Manager- Marine New Commissioning oversees the ordering, logistics, installation, and commissioning of propulsion systems on newly constructed vessels. This role is critical in coordinating cross-functional teams—manufacturers, naval architects, shipyards, suppliers, and vessel owners—while managing timelines, budgets, risk, and quality control to achieve successful vessel delivery.

Essential Functions: The employee must be able to perform the following essential functions, with or without reasonable accommodation:

- **Technical Order Processing:** Turning new sales opportunities into technical projects with the manufacturers.
- **Commissioning Management:** Oversee installation, testing, and commissioning of mechanical, electrical, and propulsion systems by leading the commissioning technicians.
- **Project Coordination:** Adding value to customers by acting as the central point of contact among shipyards, naval architects, equipment vendors, and client representatives.
- **Documentation & Reporting:** Maintain accurate and comprehensive commissioning documentation, including installation and sea trial reports, and configuration management for technical service archives.

- **Problem Solving & Troubleshooting:** Rapidly assess and resolve technical and operational issues encountered during the commissioning process.
- **Budget Oversight:** Track expenses and manage costs to stay within approved budget and manage the invoicing lifecycle of the project.

Required Skills and Competencies

- Strong organization, communication, judgment, problem-solving, and follow-through.
- In-depth working knowledge of marine propulsion systems, electrical controls, shipboard equipment, vessel construction, and commissioning processes.
- Ability to manage complex projects, schedules, budgets, risks, and invoicing from technical order processing through installation, testing, sea trials, and final commissioning.
- Ability to rapidly assess and resolve technical, operational, and coordination issues in shipyard, onboard vessel, and sea trial environments.
- High attention to detail and ability to maintain accurate commissioning records, technical reports, equipment configurations, project documentation, and service archives.
- Ability to coordinate priorities and communicate effectively across manufacturers, shipyards, naval architects, equipment vendors, commissioning technicians, vessel owners, and internal departments.
- Proficiency with project management and collaboration tools, including Microsoft Business Central and Microsoft Teams.
- Integrity, accountability, adaptability, and a hands-on approach in a fast-paced environment requiring frequent travel and work outside standard business hours.

Minimum Qualifications:

- 5–10 years of experience in shipbuilding or vessel commissioning.
- In-depth knowledge of marine electrical controls and propulsion systems, and shipboard equipment.
- Experience with commissioning management tools and project management software (e.g., MS Business Central, Teams).
- Excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Willingness to travel frequently to shipyards, ports, or sea trials as required.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering, Mechanical/Electrical Engineering, Naval Architecture, or a related field, preferred.
- Applications engineering, systems integration, and/or marine/shipyard construction experience, preferred.

Physical and Environmental Requirements: The following requirements are job-related and apply with or without reasonable accommodation:

- Ability to work onboard ships, in shipyards, and industrial environments.
- Must be able to climb ladders, ascend/descend stairs, and navigate tight or confined spaces.
- Capable of walking on uneven surfaces, scaffolding, and working at heights.
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds occasionally.
- Ability to work outdoors in varied weather conditions, including heat, cold, and humidity.
- Use of appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) required in designated environments.
- Requires frequent presence at shipyards and onboard vessels during construction, testing, and sea trials.
- Will include work outside standard business hours, including evenings and weekends, based on project timelines.

Other Duties: This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed and is not an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, or requirements associated with the position. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change, or new ones may be assigned, at any time, with or without notice. Any additional or other duties assigned are not necessarily essential functions of the position.

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