

Title: Construction Cost Manager
Division: Finance
Reports to: Director, Financial Planning & Corporate Development
Location: Santa Clara, CA
Job Status: Full-Time

About Vantage Data Centers

At Vantage, we run some of the most customizable and scalable data centers in the world, with a meticulous focus on efficiency, operational excellence, reliability, testing, and maintenance. With campuses in Silicon Valley, California, and Quincy, Washington, we support the most demanding of large enterprises, technology companies, and service providers. Vantage Data Centers was founded on the principle that modern-day data center design should evolve in innovative ways that lead to dramatic gains in energy efficiency. Years later, we're still leading that charge. It's through our focus on efficiency, collaboration, and operational expertise that our customers and company continue to excel.

Construction at Vantage

Vantage has over 56MW of critical data center space in operation and is actively expanding with 18MW of ongoing construction and another 75+MW in planned development. The Design, Engineering & Construction (DEC) team is responsible for the entire process flow of delivering data centers from conception through commissioning, working with Sales, Operations and management along the way. DEC also works closely with partner contractors to come up with a vertically integrated design and manages these partners to success through technical feedback and review, and actively participating in review of schedule and budget. Vantage's DEC team is comprised of industry experts in design and construction of data center facilities with backgrounds ranging from project management, engineering, and procurement. Cost metrics and data for budgeting, planning and active project management are key inputs to enable the company to align long-term operational sustainability with value engineering and deliver products aligned with corporate goals.

Position Description

Vantage is looking for a Construction Cost Manager to advise project managers, project engineers and the VDC executive team on all project cost actual and forecast performance through existing and newly developed reports and strategies. In this critical role, you will be tasked to establish and drive cost controls, develop project specific strategies, processes, and procedures to address the needs of the wide spectrum of new and ongoing construction projects. As the Construction Cost Manager, you will also interact with and review data required from all prime contractors and subcontractors for the projects, add cost controls through construction administration tying the contracts to monthly invoices and billing review cycles. Lastly, you will be the liaison between DEC and the accounting / finance departments for the PO process flow and monthly forecast creation.

Essential Job Functions

- Drive cost control measures by managing and administrating Project Cost Management System (PCMS)
- Create monthly actual and forecast project cost reports and variance analysis for all existing projects
- Provide ongoing Construction Administration ("CA") support
- QA/QC for project costs to date, cost coding, and monthly forecasts
- Provide training and support to project managers

Duties

- Create and maintain the integrity of budgets
- Provide CA for monthly billing, change orders, purchase orders and cost to date
- Collect all relevant data required to develop a Monthly Status Report (“MSR”)
- Support procurement manager in Owner Furnished Contractor Installed (“OFCI”) program and track financial progress against targets
- Aggregate prime contractor Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) cost data for purposes of reporting, evaluating and forecasting project cost and variances
- Manage Purchase Order (“PO”) process flow and approval gating
- Ensure governance and contract compliance
- Provide checks and balances for all construction cost related matters
- Liaise between DEC and accounting department to connect PCMS with accounting system
- Assist with developing and structuring document control
- Provide historical metrics for all previous projects and develop Key Performance Indicators (“KPIs”) for all prime contractors for the duration of a project and finalize after each project is closed out
- Conduct advanced financial analysis and calculate intermediate figures including fees, percentages, etc.

Job Requirements

- Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, Accounting, Statistics, or similar field, or equivalent experience required
- 3 years of experience in Construction Finance required, 5 to 7 years preferred
- Experience with construction contractors (GC or MEP) required, owner’s-side experience preferred
- Advanced knowledge of financial terms and principles required
- Advanced analytical and quantitative skills required
- Data Center or industrial construction experience is preferred
- Familiar with lean principals and Six Sigma training preferred, green belt or higher
- Enterprise Resource Planning (“ERP”) systems and knowledge of construction systems, or similar project management software / cost database, preferred

Candidates should submit resumes to: jobs@vantagedatacenters.com. Include the position name in the subject line.