

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: International Sales and Business Development Manager

DEPARTMENT: Sales and Marketing

REPORTS TO: Chief Executive Officer/Owner

POSITION SCOPE:

The role of International Sales Manager (ISM) is a critical role for the growth of the Company. There is considerable potential to grow our current market share worldwide with both new and existing customer accounts. This growth will come both from geographical expansion and from developing our sales networks in existing markets. The ISM will be responsible for maximizing our sales revenue through a network of international sales agents as well as developing direct customer accounts with existing and new customers. The position will involve a high degree of international travel. The role is suited to a confident, and organized, sales professional, who has worked in a similar role for an Ag-based product company..

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Develop business plan and strategy for multiple product line markets that ensures attainment of company international sales goals and profitability.
2. Prepare action plans by individuals as well as by team for effective search for international sales leads and prospects.
3. Initiates and coordinates development of action plans to penetrate international markets.
4. Provide timely feedback to senior management regarding international sales performance.
5. Provides timely, accurate, competitive pricing on all completed prospect applications submitted for pricing and approval, while striving to maintain maximum profit margins.
6. Maintains accurate records of all international pricings, sales and activity reports.
7. Creates and conducts proposal presentations to dealers, customers, internal staff.
8. Controls expenses to meet budget guidelines.
9. Adheres to all company policies, procedures and business ethics codes and ensures that they are communicated and implemented within the team.
10. Insures that all international sales personnel meet or exceed all activity standards for prospecting calls, appointments, presentations, proposals and closes.
11. Maintains contact with all customers in the international market area to ensure high levels of customer satisfaction.
12. Demonstrates the ability to interact and cooperate with all company employees.
13. Designs and recommends international sales and marketing programs.
14. Sets short- and long-term international sales strategies.
15. Must be aware of international variances in cultural and legal issues pertaining to sales.
16. Should be familiar with international Ag-business concepts, practices, procedures.
17. Must work to develop and maintain international business contacts.

18. Relies on experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals.
19. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is expected.
20. Support global agents with technical, project and marketing information
21. Develop key relationships with international customers
22. Build a solid direct and dealer international sales pipeline and develop opportunities
23. Achieve pre-defined international sales targets
24. Works with HR and Legal to develop international sales contracts in foreign markets,
25. Work closely with the Project, Design, Marketing and Production teams to ensure customer requirements are met on a timely basis
26. Lead and Coordinate all international shipping, distribution and delivery with Supply Chain group.
27. Coordinate all international sales efforts with our subsidiaries and agents. Manages and directs a sales force to achieve global sales and profit goals

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION:

1. The successful candidate shall be an energetic, effective, self-starter with strong verbal and written communication skills who is able to excel in an international sales environment.
2. Experience with Ag construction project work in international market preferred, fluency in European or other related language *a major plus*.
3. 7+ yrs Ag-Business industry and 5+ years international experience with an emphasis on international business development required.
4. Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience required.
5. Technologically advanced and oriented. Must have above average computer and technical skills to navigate the communication barriers of frequent international travel.
6. Strong communication and presentation skills and a thorough knowledge various international cultures.
7. Customer service oriented and organized.
8. The proven ability to hire, build, and lead successful sales teams.
9. Must have a natural ability to engage in business relationships with individuals and groups and a desire to improve these talents.