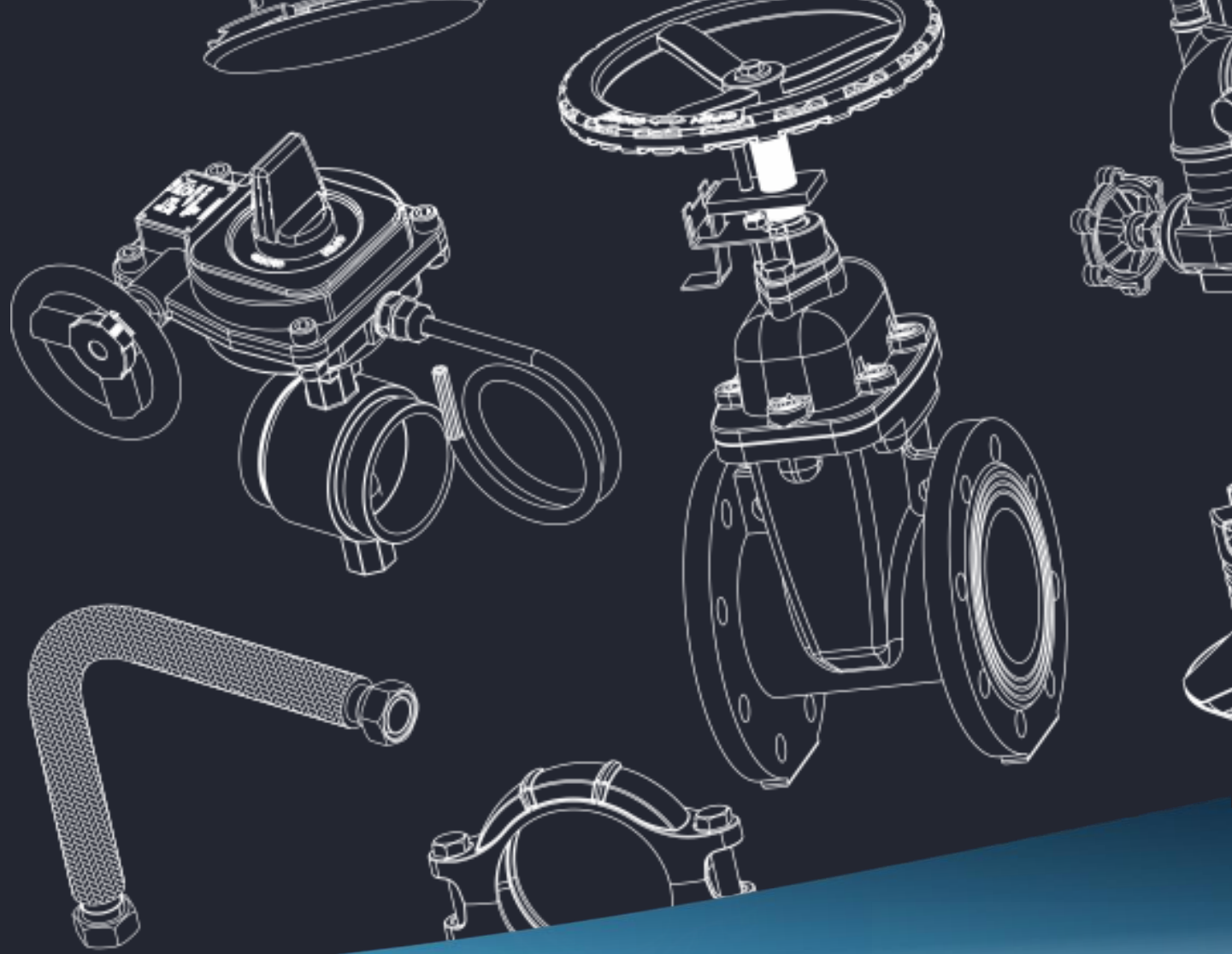




Purchasing Supervisor

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Join Rapidrop

A Global Leader in Fire Protection Innovation



At Rapidrop, we are proud to be a British manufacturer and global supplier of high-quality fire sprinklers and fire suppression equipment. From our headquarters in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, we support customers in over 75 countries with reliable, internationally approved fire safety solutions.

Our product range, including UK-manufactured sprinkler heads, valves, flexible hose systems and specialist fire protection components, has built a strong reputation for quality, innovation, technical expertise and our customer-centric approach.

We are committed to protecting lives and property, with our systems installed around the world and contributing to major commercial developments and landmark projects.

IFI, the original foundation of Rapidrop, supports the construction and fenestration industry by supplying specialists and installers with a comprehensive range of fixings, fitting tools and consumables. Over the past eighteen months, Rapidrop has entered an exciting new phase of growth, welcoming a new CEO and Chairman alongside significant investment and long-term expansion plans. This includes new storage facilities in the UAE, increased European capacity and a new product development programme to expand our range and improve availability.

Today, our teams operate across the UK, Europe, the Middle East and South Africa, supported by continued investment in our UK headquarters, including a fully refurbished modern office environment. With a collaborative culture and a growing international footprint, Rapidrop offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to a business focused on innovation, growth and protecting people and property worldwide.



The Shard, United Kingdom



Mall of Istanbul, Turkey

Role Overview

Job Title: Purchasing Supervisor

Location: Peterborough

Contract: Permanent

Reports to: Procurement Operations Manager

The **Purchasing Supervisor** plays an important role in supporting Rapidrop's purchasing and supply chain function through strategic sourcing, supplier management and procurement planning.

Working closely with suppliers and colleagues across Operations, Logistics, Finance and Supply Chain, the successful candidate will help ensure goods and services are sourced in line with business requirements, commercial priorities and operational demand.

This is a commercially focused role that combines supplier relationship management with procurement planning, process improvement and day-to-day team support. You will help secure competitive supplier agreements, manage supplier performance and contribute to the continued development of efficient purchasing processes.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys building strong supplier relationships, working collaboratively across the business and contributing to the continued growth of a global manufacturing organisation.



Key Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain strong relationships with suppliers to support effective collaboration and service delivery.
- Support sourcing activities to ensure goods and services are procured in line with business requirements.
- Monitor supplier pricing, purchasing spend and market conditions to support commercially informed procurement decisions.
- Work closely with internal stakeholders to ensure procurement activity aligns with operational demand and inventory planning.
- Coordinate purchasing activity across the team to ensure priorities are delivered efficiently.
- Support the development of team capability through coaching, training and process guidance.
- Monitor supplier performance and identify opportunities to improve service, quality and commercial outcomes.
- Support continuous improvement initiatives to strengthen procurement processes, supplier management and purchasing performance.



Wembley Stadium, United Kingdom

Experience & Expertise

Essential

- Previous experience within purchasing, procurement or supply chain operations.
- Experience managing supplier relationships and negotiating commercial terms.
- Strong understanding of procurement planning, purchasing processes and supplier performance management.
- Good commercial awareness with the ability to identify cost-saving and efficiency opportunities.
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to interpret purchasing data and supplier performance metrics.
- Excellent communication and stakeholder management skills.
- Highly organised, proactive and able to manage multiple priorities within a fast-moving environment.

Desirable

- Experience within a manufacturing or engineering environment.
- Previous experience supervising or supporting a purchasing team.
- Experience using ERP or purchasing management systems.
- Knowledge of inventory planning and supply chain operations.
- Experience supporting continuous improvement initiatives within procurement.



VIMD Kvar, Zagreb, Croatia



Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5, United Kingdom

Why Join Rapidrop?

Rapidrop is a growing international business with a strong reputation for quality, innovation and reliability within the global fire protection industry. As the company continues its global expansion, we are investing in our people, products and capabilities to support long-term growth.

Joining Rapidrop means becoming part of a collaborative and ambitious team, where individuals are encouraged to contribute ideas, take ownership of their work and make a meaningful impact on the business.

This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in shaping the next stage of Rapidrop's international growth, working alongside experienced colleagues across multiple markets and functions.

What We Offer

- Salary to £35000 DOE
- Company pension total 8% (Employee contributions 3% Rapidrop Global contributions 5%)
- Annual leave 25 days (pro rata), Christmas shutdown (up to 3 days annual leave to be kept back to facilitate this)
- Buying/Selling Holiday
- Death in service benefit –4 x annual salary from day 1
- Opportunities for professional development and career progression
- Employee Assistance Program –Access to full support services 24/7, shopping rewards, health cash plan, access to online Dr Appointments
- Free on-site parking



Galeria Korona, Poland

Ready To Apply?

If you are excited about the opportunity to join Rapidrop and feel your experience aligns with the role, we would love to hear from you.

Our Recruitment Process

1. Apply

Please [click here to submit](#) your CV and a short supporting statement

2. Review

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and interviews may take place before the closing date, so early applications are encouraged.

3. Initial Conversation

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an introductory discussion via Teams.

4. Interviews

Candidates progressing will attend two formal interview with key stakeholders at our Head Office in Peterborough or via Teams.

5. Outcome

A final decision will be made and candidates will be informed as soon as possible.

Inclusive Recruitment

Rapidrop is committed to creating an inclusive and supportive workplace where everyone feels valued, respected and able to thrive. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, recognising that diversity strengthens our teams and drives innovation.

If you require any adjustments or support at any stage of the recruitment process, please let us know. We are committed to ensuring every candidate has a fair and positive experience.

Good luck with your application. We look forward to receiving your application and exploring how you could contribute to Rapidrop's continued growth and success.

