

THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

Legal Director

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Overall Responsibility

To lead and manage SIB's legal function

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- to provide first-line legal support to SIB's staff working on infrastructure projects and programmes.
- to develop SIB's capability to deliver legal support to projects and programmes;
- to assist SIB's customers to procure high quality specialist legal advice that delivers value for money;
- to fulfil the role of Company Secretary to SIB;
- to advise the SIB Board on legal matters;
- to lead SIB's work in relation to standard forms of PPP contract documentation in Northern Ireland
- to provide advice on the legal aspects of contract negotiations with bidders;
- to take responsibility for the legal "sign off" projects on behalf of SIB at appropriate stages of project delivery (e.g., OBC, FBC);
- to develop SIB staff's knowledge of the legal aspects of complex procurements; and
- to contribute to the fulfilment of SIB's corporate objectives.

Person Specification

Essential Criteria

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they possess:

- a legal qualification from a common law jurisdiction;
- At least seven years experience providing authoritative front line legal advice in a leadership role that has enabled either public bodies or commercial bidders to structure, negotiate and close PFI/PPP transactions of a value and complexity commensurate with transactions in the SIB investment programme;
- the ability to identify and resolve legal issues arising in large procurement projects;
- practical experience of producing standard and exceptional contracts; and
- the ability to participate in the decision making process within an organisation at board level.

Desirable Criteria

It would be advantageous for applicants to demonstrate that they possess:

- experience as a Company Secretary; and/or
- experience in the provision of advice on employment law.