



## **IDENTIFICATION**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	
Finance	Senior Business Analyst	
<b>Position Number</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Division/Region</b>
15-0123	Yellowknife	ISSS-Solution Services/ HQ

## **PURPOSE OF THE POSITION**

The Senior Business Analyst leads business analysis and requirements definition and management for large scale and complex information systems and related projects and solutions to ensure that solutions implemented meet the documented business requirements and provide value through the realization of anticipated qualitative and quantitative benefits.

## **SCOPE**

Located in Yellowknife and reporting to the Team Lead - Business Analysis, the Senior Business Analyst plans and undertakes business analysis and requirements elicitation and documentation for large/ complex initiatives, typically (but not exclusively) involving the development and implementation of information systems and solutions. Services are delivered on behalf of all GNWT departments and Housing NWT, and projects cost can vary upwards of \$3M and have significant organizational, financial and reputational risk.

The incumbent is an expert on the practice of stakeholder management, business analysis and requirements management, ensuring the elicitation, analysis, specification and validation of requirements and constraints to a level that enables effective development and operations of new or changed software, systems, processes, products and services. The Senior Business Analyst manages requirements throughout the whole of the delivery and operational life cycle of the software, system, processes, products or services and negotiates trade-offs that are both acceptable to key stakeholders and within budgetary, technical, regulatory, and other constraints. The position facilitates collaborative creation and iteration of viable specifications and acceptance criteria in preparation for the deployment of information systems and related solutions. The adoption and adaptation of requirements management lifecycle models based on the context of the work and selecting appropriately from plan-driven/predictive approaches or



more adaptive (iterative and agile) approaches.

The incumbent interacts with and influences colleagues and has working level contact with clients, vendors and partners. The position holder may make decisions which impact the work assigned to individuals or phases of projects including the work of staff in other departments. The position understands and collaborates on the analysis of user/client needs and represents this in their work.

The incumbent performs a range of work, often complex and non-routine in a variety of environments requiring the application of a methodical approach to issue definition and resolution.

The position operates under limited direction, using individual discretion in identifying and responding to complex issues and assignments. It accepts guidance and has work reviewed at agreed milestones. The position holder uses discretion to determine when issues should be escalated to a higher level.

There is a requirement for security and privacy in their own work and the operation of the organization. The position seeks specialist security and privacy knowledge or advice when required to support their own work or work of immediate colleagues.

The position plans, schedules and monitors its own work within limited deadlines and according to relevant legislation, standards and procedures.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1. Adopts and adapts project management methods and tools, selecting appropriately from plan-driven/predictive approaches or more adaptive (iterative and agile) approaches.**

- Adopts and adapts project management methods and tools, selecting appropriately from plan-driven/predictive approaches or more adaptive (iterative and agile) approaches.
- Ensures that effective project control, change control, risk management and testing processes are maintained.
- Monitors and controls resources, operations and maintenance costs and capital costs against the project budget and schedule.
- Ensures adherence to quality standards and review of project deliverables.
- Manages expectations of all project stakeholders.
- Effectively monitors and maintains financial records and tracking of project budgets and component costs.

### **2. The execution of the business analysis services to rationalize investment.**



- Takes responsibility for investigative work to determine business requirements and specify effective business processes, through improvements in information systems, information management, practices, procedures, and organization change.
- Selects, adopts and adapts appropriate business analysis methods, tools and techniques; selecting appropriately from predictive (plan-driven) approaches or adaptive (iterative/agile) approaches.
- Collaborates with stakeholders at all levels, in the conduct of investigations for business requirements specifications and feasibility studies.
- Prepares business cases which define potential benefits, options for achieving these benefits through development of new or changed technology supported processes, and associated business risks.

### **3. Actively plans and manages stakeholder engagement.**

- Identifies the communications and relationship needs of stakeholder groups.
- Translates communications/stakeholder engagement strategies into specific activities and deliverables.
- Facilitates open communication and discussion between stakeholders, acting as a single point of contact by developing, maintaining and working to stakeholder engagement strategies and plans.
- Provides informed feedback to assess and promote understanding.
- Facilitates business decision-making processes.
- Captures and disseminates technical and business information.

### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

#### **Physical Demands**

No unusual demands.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

No unusual conditions.

#### **Sensory Demands**

No unusual demands.

#### **Mental Demands**

This position undertakes work on which there are client expectations for quality and timely completion of initiatives. The Senior Business Analyst Manager will be under pressure to deliver projects leveraging resources which are not under their direct control (including staff from other Departments). Travel to regional and vendor offices may be required from time to time. Overtime will be required from time to time to meet critical milestones and fulfil



commitments to clients and stakeholders.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of Business Analysis practices such as those defined by the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK Guide).
- Knowledge of Project Management practices such as those described in the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK).
- Knowledge of the software development lifecycle, as well as the various methodologies including predictive (plan-driven) approaches or adaptive (iterative/agile);
- Knowledge of software development methods, practices and processes.
- Knowledge of standard budgeting and accounting concepts and techniques.
- Knowledge of IT service management concepts such as those described in ITIL.
- Knowledge of project management and project portfolio management software and tools.
- Generic, domain and specialist knowledge necessary to perform effectively in the organization typically gained from recognized bodies of knowledge and organizational information.
- Communication skills both verbal and writing and the ability to communicate complex information to both technical and non-technical audiences.
- Ability to effectively facilitate collaboration between stakeholders who share common objectives.
- Ability to maintain an awareness of developments in the industry and select appropriately from applicable standards, methods, tools and applications, taking responsibility for driving own development.
- Ability to implement standard business analysis and requirements management concepts.
- Ability to assess and evaluate risk and apply it in the design of information and technology related initiatives.
- Ability to commit to actively upholding and consistently practicing personal diversity, inclusion and cultural awareness, as well as safety and sensitivity approaches in the workplace.

### **Typically, the above qualifications would be attained by:**

Completion of an undergraduate degree in computer science, management information systems or business with 3 years of relevant and progressive experience working as a business analyst delivering complex technology enabled projects.

Equivalent combinations of education and experience will be considered.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Position Security** (check one)



- No criminal records check required
- Position of Trust – criminal records check required
- Highly sensitive position – requires verification of identity and a criminal records check

**French language** (check one if applicable)

- French required (must identify required level below)

Level required for this Designated Position is:

ORAL EXPRESSION AND COMPREHENSION

Basic (B)  Intermediate (I)  Advanced (A)

READING COMPREHENSION:

Basic (B)  Intermediate (I)  Advanced (A)

WRITING SKILLS:

Basic (B)  Intermediate (I)  Advanced (A)

- French preferred

**Indigenous language:** Select language

- Required
- Preferred