Inspiring innovation through world-class qualifications

BAE Systems is a global defence, aerospace and security company employing around 84,600 people worldwide. Their wide-ranging products and services cover air, land and naval forces, as well as advanced electronics, security, information technology, and support services.

BAE Systems is at the forefront of technology and engineering innovation, delivering advanced defence, aerospace and security solutions across the physical and virtual world. They provide the technology, equipment and know-how that meet the rapidly evolving needs of their customers.

Through our world-wide, world-class qualifications programme from CIPS, BAE Systems is driving innovation and cost savings in procurement and supplier management.

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CIPS Qualifications Programme offers a recognised route for procurement

BAE Systems proactively focuses on innovation, cost reduction and enhancing competitiveness in order to protect margins across their business units. A large scale CIPS Qualifications Programme is running across the enterprise and ensuring procurement and supply chain staff are trained to a consistent level of competence across geographically dispersed business units.
Protecting procurement with world-class qualifications

Why CIPS Qualifications Programme?

BAE Systems needs purchasers who can manage complex, capital intensive projects which operate within tight tolerances of quality, time and cost. Projects demand innovative solutions to challenging requirements and can include large numbers of suppliers, some of whom are often critical to project delivery.

BAE Systems chose CIPS for a total solution to raise professional standards and achieve consistency in procurement and supplier management around the globe.

From initial market analysis and sourcing, through to tendering, supplier selection, contract award, and ongoing supplier management, the CIPS Qualifications Programme is enabling staff to gain the confidence and knowledge to command better solutions for the whole of the business.

Benefits of CIPS Qualifications Programme

• Upskilling: Staff are better equipped to drive value back into the business for their customers thanks to highly relevant qualifications
• Confidence: Staff feel increasingly confident in their ability to manage increased demand and in their dealings with senior management across functions
• Awareness: The qualifications have given employees a firm understanding of international best practice in procurement
• Innovation: Procurement staff are now challenging and improving on existing practices / behaviours
• Networking: Students are collaborating more, joining forces to drive greater value back into the business

CIPS qualifications are essential to the professional standing of the supply chain / procurement functions in BAE Systems. By achieving these professional qualifications our employees can demonstrate skills against an internationally recognised standard of performance. By setting this standard of performance we are able to deliver increasing high levels of capability and performance to our businesses.

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