

Technical Director

Based in the heart of Soho, PPC is a leading International Creative Production agency which combines a dedicated award winning creative team with unparalleled production facilities. For further information, visit: <http://www.theppc.com/>

PPC is recruiting for the role of Technical Director. Reporting directly to the CEO, this role will lead and direct the company's technical roadmap and vision. The role has responsibility for both our London and Los Angeles operations, encompassing Broadcast Engineering, IT, Building Maintenance, Security (both physical and digital), Technical Support and monitoring of Support Contracts.

The ideal candidate will be an experienced Technical Architect, with advanced system design, project management and proven leadership qualities. They will be an excellent communicator at all levels, with extensive technical knowledge and experience within a post-production or broadcast environment.

They will be able to work autonomously, be motivated, enthusiastic, focused and with a willingness to be flexible to working hours, given their purview will span trans-Atlantic offices.

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide and manage support across the whole technical estate.
- Conceive, design, budget and deliver all technical and IT projects within the business.
- Manage, prepare for and execute security audits from leading Hollywood studios, ensuring compliance with MPAA and TPN best practices and procedures.
- Manage a team of engineers, and ensure business continuity across all departments, prioritising support issues and resources. This includes management over the LA based Technical team.
- Take a leading role in the ongoing Media Asset Management project being undertaken at PPC currently – good experience of MAM workflows is essential for the role.
- Advise, consult on and design workflows across the whole business.
- Research and recommend new technologies and innovations that will improve the efficiencies of PPC's existing services and systems – collating all relevant requirements to produce annual technical Capex budgets and presenting those to Executive Management.
- Project management of all expansion projects, covering all aspects from design, construction and wiring through to installation, testing and delivery to the Operational teams.
- Working with the CEO and FD to plan annual budgetary spends for the department and then taking ownership and responsibility for the most efficient utilisation of that annual budget.
- Monitoring the technical landscape to scope out innovations and opportunities that might benefit the business and it's clients.
- Fostering close relationships and leading negotiations with key suppliers to ensure any technical firmware, software or support services are being supplied at the best possible market rates.
- Providing ongoing, accurate and timely feedback on live projects and any issues that arise as part of day-to-day operations.
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Skills and Experience

- Proven experience in a similar role.
- Extensive deep technical knowledge of post-production technologies, file-formats, codecs and workflows.
- Excellent knowledge of IT protocols and best practices, including ACL's and secure file access and encryption.
- Wide-ranging experience in system design, cabling, jack-fields, Krone blocks, video routers and KVM technologies (Amulet Hotkey or similar).
- Operational and technical support experience of the following technologies;
 - SAN Environments (Stornext, Editshare)
 - Hyper-V Virtual Machine architecture and storage clusters.
 - Network topologies and Cisco switch configuration and support.
 - Large-scale shared storage solutions (Windows-based)
 - MacOS, Windows and Linux administration
 - Render farm support and configuration.
 - Adobe Creative Cloud applications, in particular Premiere Pro and After Effects. Also, Da Vinci Resolve, Cinema 4D, Maya, and Nuke
 - Avid Pro-Tools, audio technologies and workflows.
 - Aspera P2P, Aspera Faspex and Aspera Sync secure file-sharing technologies
 - Telestream Vantage, or similar large-scale multi-node transcode systems, including automated QC products (Vidcheck, Harding HFFA)
 - Xendata or similar LTO-based archive systems
- Proven expertise in remote management and administration technologies (JAMF/Casper Suite)

Competencies and behaviours

- Ability to effectively prioritise challenges in response to operational needs and deadlines.
- A willingness to work pro-actively and offer solutions.
- A strategic approach to systems implementation, selection and forward planning.
- Excellent communication skills, both orally and written.
- Actively participate and contribute to the development of PPC's infrastructure, Post environment and processes.
- Flexibility to work after regular business hours and weekends as required.