



## GOVERNANCE, COMMERCIAL & FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At UK Government Investments, we provide the government with expertise in corporate finance and governance. What we do is unique - we are responsible for acting as shareholder for major UK government businesses and delivery bodies and advising the government on corporate finance matters including interventions into corporate structures, corporate negotiations and major corporate asset sales. The work we do is significant in terms of social, economic and political impact.

Within UKGI we have a team comprised of 130 experts with backgrounds in the private sector (from banks, accountancy and legal firms) and from the Civil Service, who work together to ensure we provide government departments with high quality advice and solutions.

Working for UKGI provides a unique opportunity for talented individuals to contribute to work of national importance. We are currently looking to recruit professionals with a background in corporate governance.

### THE ROLE

Executive Directors who are part of our corporate governance practice within UKGI will lead on working with government-owned businesses and delivery bodies (arm's length bodies - ALBs), on behalf of government departments, to achieve excellence in organisational performance and governance. An individual will generally lead a small team on each of one or more ALBs, working closely with the senior management team of the ALB as well as senior officials and Ministers across Whitehall. For individuals with the right experience, this role may in due course lead to becoming a non-executive director on the Board of one of the ALBs within our portfolio.

For those new to government, this role also offers a fascinating opportunity to learn how Government works at the most senior levels.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establishing and monitoring effective corporate governance of the arm's length bodies in UKGI's portfolio
- Promoting effective leadership, in terms of high-quality boards and senior management, and being involved in appointments of key individuals
- Encouraging and monitoring effective objectives, business planning and performance of our portfolio arm's length bodies
- Supporting effective relationships between the government department and their arm's length bodies
- Contributing to the government's role more widely as owner of an extensive portfolio of organisations, providing leading-edge governance advice, best practice and thought leadership
- Where appropriate, advising on the set-up of new arm's length bodies or advising on other governance situations across Whitehall

- Depending on experience, becoming a Non-executive Director on the board of an organisation in our portfolio

In addition, if you have a background in corporate finance, you may be expected to lead workstreams in other areas of our work including providing advice on major government financial interventions into corporate situations and asset realisations.

## **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED**

- Significant demonstrable hands-on experience of working directly on Board and governance issues with a variety of Boards or organisations at senior levels
- Strong and current corporate governance knowledge
- Strong financial and commercial skills
- Experience of sitting on Boards, or is Board-ready by virtue of demonstrable hands-on experience of working with Boards
- Excellent communication and relationship-building skills in addition to Integrity and resilience

At UKGI we place a high degree of value on work life balance and, as such, applications from individuals seeking flexible working, reduced hours contracts and job shares are actively encouraged.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

If you would like to be challenged by genuinely fascinating work and work in an environment where work life balance is taken seriously, please apply to this advertisement with your CV including a short summary detailing your Corporate Governance expertise.

In addition, please describe your experience, including at least one specific example, in relation to each area below;

- your experience of working with, and sitting on, boards;
- your commercial experience, and how you have used that to make difficult commercial decisions;
- your experience of assessing, challenging and monitoring financial plans

(200 words limit for each question)

## **DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

UKGI has a strong commitment to equality and diversity. Our aim is to be an open and inclusive organisation, recruiting and retaining diverse, talented and high-performing people who support and develop one another.

UKGI is a Disability Confident Employer. This means we've been recognised as an employer which is confident and leading the way in recruiting and retaining staff with disabilities. We will offer an interview to any applicants with a disability who have indicated they wish to take part in the disability confident scheme, provided they meet the essential criteria for the post set out in the person specification.

If you need any reasonable adjustments to take part in the selection process, please tell us about this in your online application form.