



Materials Planner North Adams, MA

With a history that dates back nearly 250 years, Crane is now a fast moving international force in currency, technical materials and social stationery. Crane integrates best in class technology, design and engineering to innovate solutions of uncompromising quality for customers as diverse as central banks, industrial companies, specialty stationery retailers and their customers. Not only does Crane produce the paper upon which all United States currency is printed, we also provide paper, printing and security technology for more than 50 nations around the world. Our award winning Motion (tm) technology is the clear leader in counterfeit prevention and will be featured on the new U.S. \$100 dollar bill. The Technical Materials business designs and manufactures products that purify the water we drink, cleans the air that we breathe and offers structural enhancements to materials for construction. The Stationery business produces elegant cotton based stationery, invitations and announcements under the William Arthur, Vera Wang and Crane & Co. brands for personal and corporate customers.

The position is responsible for developing and executing material plans and accurate Kanban levels for paper, boxed product and amended personalized items which enable the division to meet customer demand, on-time shipments, fill-rates, and inventory turns objectives. The Planner is responsible for coordinating the planning, forecasting and scheduling of material needs across all brands, based on customer demand, sales forecasts, album builds and capacity capabilities. This role requires research and analysis of historical division shipments, shipping forecasts (provided by Division Sales management), and market economics. The objective is to prevent overstocking while reacting nimbly to changes in consumer interests. The Planner supports the Division's ongoing Lean transformation, specifically by incorporating Kanban production and replenishment triggers, Heijunka boards, point of use storage and other C/I tools to achieve economic, rapid response to changing customer demands.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor Degree in Business, Engineering or related field or significant successful experience in Inventory
- LEAN principles for managing Kanban systems for planning and material flow
- Planning or Production Control field
- Strong knowledge of demand management/forecasting tools, forecasting processes in sales, marketing operations, finance, manufacturing and supply chain issues
- Background in master scheduling, forecasting, procurement and planning.
- Knowledge of key inventory performance metrics, turns, margin contributions, etc.
- Knowledge of ERP system to extract data and develop inventory reports
- Ability to manage process improvements and implement change as needed
- Ability to manage and facilitate process improvement teams
- Good interpersonal skills and teamwork, with history of working collaboratively with others
- Ability to interact effectively in high stress situations
- Proven ability to communicate effectively with all levels of co-workers
- Excellent analytical skills

- Proven organizational skills
- Detail oriented, extremely accuracy
- Ability to work independently and to prioritize critical needs
- Collaborative skills in resolving long and short positions in inventory
- Experience in managing end of life cycle and obsolete inventory
- Lean manufacturing principles
- JD Edwards or other ERP system Inventory applications required
- Proficiency with Data Warehouse, Excel and Word is required
- Extensive spreadsheet analysis and strong mathematical abilities
- Driver's license to travel between Company locations and into the field as well as to other locations and/or technical seminars, using own car

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