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Dear Applicant

Thank you for taking an interest in the position of Head of Procurement within Outwood Grange Academies Trust.

As you will no doubt be aware, many public sector bodies are facing a tough financial period, and no school is immune from this. However, at Outwood we have strong systems which are held in the highest regard by the Department for Education which enable the Finance and Operations departments to work hand-in-hand with executives to deploy our resources effectively and ensure the efficient use of our funding. As a Trust we pride ourselves on being able to do this alongside maintaining a national reputation of revolutionary school improvement.

To that end, we are seeking a Head of Procurement to join our Trust, who will work closely with me, our Chief Operating Officer and our respective teams to deliver substantial and sustainable savings on the wide array of goods and services that the Trust purchases. This is an exciting opportunity to actively shape the approach the whole Trust takes to procurement and build a procurement function around this. In leading procurement for the Trust you will need to apply your expertise to a diverse array of categories and be as comfortable developing strategy as you are running a tender.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a commercially astute and systematic approach to delivering value for money through procurement in a large and complex organisation. This will include aggregating demand across multiple sites and influencing stakeholders at all levels in the organisation.

Given the profile of the role it is essential that you are a (full) Member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply. Public sector knowledge is desirable but it would not be a barrier to a strong applicant with a background in private industry and the aptitude to operate within the parameters of Public Sector procurement legislation.

I look forward to hearing from you and welcome you contacting me in advance of your application should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Ben Waterman
Chief Financial Officer