ROLE TITLE	Finance Solutions Architect
DEPARTMENT	Information Technology
DIRECTORATE	IT & Transformation
RESPONSIBLE TO	Head of Architecture and Strategy
RESPONSIBLE FOR	• Defining solution architecture with a focus within the Finance & Procurement Domain • Owning technology roadmap and strategy for Finance & Procurement Domain

ROLE PURPOSE	

To own/support the technology strategy and roadmap for the Finance & Procurement application portfolio centralised around Microsoft Dynamics: Finance and Operations.

Working within the wider Architecture and Strategy team and as part of a matrixed delivery team across the IT and Transformation directorate the Finance Solutions Architect will consider the relationships between business capability, applications, information and technology to ensure the solutions support the strategic objectives and current operational needs of the business.

ACCOUNTABILITIES / RESPONSBILITIES	

Act as the subject matter expert for the Finance Architecture Domain within the Architecture and Strategy team., specialising in Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations.

Work within Orbits architecture framework to define functional and technical solutions in line with the business and IT strategies and the technology roadmap whilst ensuring architectural recommended practice and legal requirements are adhered to.

Ensure project design deliverables conform to architectural principles as defined by the Architecture team. Participate in Design Authority for solution approval, review and quality assurance

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Ensure solutions are aligned to Orbits wider Business Continuity Plans and are both scalable and resilient to meet desired RPO and RTO and adaptable to changing business needs.

Identifying risks and mitigating actions.

Responsible for researching and recommending technologies, frameworks and approaches for use by teams on projects.

Work with stakeholders to document benefits and costs of solutions and support development of compelling business cases

Support solution procurement and ongoing relationships with 3rd party suppliers

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/EXPERIENCE/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS	
Essential Expert Level 1	Experience of core Finance and Procurement concepts and processes for example: GL, AP, AR, ITC, P2P, FAM, TAX, PMA, SCM and their implementation in Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations.
	Experience in defining technology roadmaps to support business change activities for the Finance Domain
	Knowledge of Solution development best practices for D365 and software development lifecycle including Agile methodologies
	Experience in the use of LCS to manage Dynamics environments
	Stakeholder management and interaction to 'C-Suite', excellent presentation skills
	D365 Specific experience o Microsoft Dynamics365: Core Finance and Operations Exam MB-300 o Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance Exam MB-310/20 o Or equivalent work experience
Essential Expert Level 2	Excellent communication skills, with an ability to convey complex technology concepts to the business and IT stakeholders
	Experience of working in ambiguous situations to design solutions, working with a range of stakeholders to reach consensus

	Experienced to lead the design and selection of solutions (systems, technologies and processes) using the knowledge of architects and the wider IT team to ensure holistic solutions
	Able to manage the solution design process, establishing plans and milestones, for self and others, delegating responsibilities
	TOGAF Foundation Qualification
	OR
	BCS Foundation in Solution and Enterprise Architecture
	OR
	Equivalent work experience
Essential Expert Level 3	Can demonstrate a broad understanding of all aspects of IT and a deep understanding of architecture
	Experience of managing a team of architects, including 3rdparties, delegating objectives and the responsibility to deliver against these
	Experienced in maintaining strong relationships with suppliers, quality assuring the work of suppliers Defining best practice for teams to follow
	TOGAF Certified
	OR
	BCS Practitioner in Solution and Enterprise Architecture
	OR
	Equivalent work experience

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