

Kerry Childs



Profession

Rail Business Consultant

Current Position

Principal Consultant

Joined IPEX

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Nationality

British

Qualifications

MSc Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management, The University of Manchester, 2009.

BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Sheffield Hallam University, 2004.

Six Sigma Yellow Belt

Professional Associations

Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (MIET), 2004.

Kerry is a highly professional engineer who has gained extensive UK rail experience over her 15-year career in the industry; she has held positions within a rolling stock manufacturer, rolling stock leasing company (ROSCO) and train operating companies (TOCs).

Specialisations:

- Rolling stock procurement: overall bid management; bid strategy; proposal development; project schedule management; customer and stakeholder engagement; proposal authoring; bid assembly; and, bid interface management.
- Project management: major refurbishment; fleet modification programmes; and, new train mobilisation activities.
- Rolling stock fleet management: reliability; performance improvements; asset management; maintenance strategy, practice and process; maintenance optimisation; organisational structure; and, maintenance management systems.

Kerry is a capable individual who utilises her experience to develop and implement sustainable practical solutions to meet customer needs and requirements.

She has lead manufacturer rolling stock proposal submissions and has managed a number of rail projects within manufacturer, ROSCO and TOC environments.

Rail projects:

Siemens Rail Systems, Product Support Manager - accountable for the engineering team, who were responsible for the delivery of all engineering activities relating to fleet modifications, upgrades and incident repair activities; working collaboratively with the business development, commercial, procurement and project teams.

Eversholt Rail Group (ERG), Fleet Technical Manager - responsible for the engineering and fleet management interfaces for all ERG fleets leased to London & South Eastern Railway (LSER) and Great Western Railway (GWR).

Siemens Rail Systems, Bid Proposals Manager - accountable for assigned major rolling stock bids and pre-qualification submissions. Kerry led the rolling stock submissions for the ultimately successful Class 313 replacement bid and also all rolling stock bids related to the ScotRail franchise.

Siemens Rail Systems, Performance & Reliability Engineer - responsible for the mobilisation and management of the Class 380 TSSA performance and reliability team. She was accountable for stipulating the maintenance strategy to optimise the Vehicle Maintenance Schedule (VMS) as well as other mobilisation activities in readiness of service introduction.

First ScotRail, Project Manager - responsible for the project management of a number of major fleet refurbishments; overhauls; and, fleet enhancement programmes which were typically managed via a third party and often involved complex supply chain arrangements.

