

Business Development and Planning Manager

An exciting and challenging position exists as a Business Development and Planning Manager at our head office in Burnaby, BC. Reporting to the VP Business Development and Planning the selected individual will play a key role in the development and market execution of Daiya's Strategic Growth Plan. This position requires a Sales Professional with cross functional experience in one of the following – Sales Planning and Strategy, Marketing and/or Shopper Marketing. As a key member within the newly created Business Development Team the Manager is accountable for leading and developing specific sales goals, driving the sales planning process, channel optimization, product pricing, shopper marketing deployment and ensuring the sales team is armed to execute the Daiya portfolio with excellence.

You take sales and brand strategy seriously, but still have fun at work with your Daiya team. You show initiative in everything you do and are always looking for ways to improve. You are open to new ideas, and you know that feedback from others helps you grow and allows you to thrive. As a performance-driven individual, you create solutions for your team and show up every day ready for a new adventure.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plays key role in annual business planning by working closely with cross functional teams.
- Works with marketing to ensure that promotional funds as well as strategies and objectives are integrated into the field release and are consistent across business units.
- Provides leadership and works with finance on best in class sales reporting mechanisms and systems to ensure trade spending effectiveness.
- Plays a key role in the development of Best in Class customer business reviews and retail execution plans.
- Represents Sales within S&OP and forecasting cycles.
- Represents Sales in core team meeting for innovation and is accountable for trade rate development and price and promotional guidelines.
- Proactively identifies and implements business-building initiatives that contribute towards the achievement of superior business results for Daiya and the customer.
- Works with sales to manage price sloping dynamics and trade pressure incurred via expanded distribution and competitive entrants.
- Attends trade shows and applicable customer meetings.
- Develops and maintains meaningful relationships with internal and external teams.
- Delivers enhanced internal/external communication flow.
- Leads channel development strategy with key cross functional stakeholders (International, Club, Natural and MULO) for both customer and product.

Skills and Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Business, Management, Sales or a related field.
- 3-5 years of progressive Sales experience in the CPG industry with at least two years calling on large strategic accounts such as Target, Walmart, Loblaws and Costco. Natural Channel experience with Whole Foods Market an asset.
- Experience managing trade tools an asset
- Cross functional assignments in Trade Marketing, Marketing or Shopper Marketing. Experience negotiating and influencing, through communication, large groups or high-level constituents/representatives of an organization. Performance driven with desire to take on a high level of responsibility and work in a fast-paced environment
- Strong understanding of go-to-market strategy for innovation including distributors, brokers, and direct shipment models
- Strong analytical skills with experience in P&L Development, Channel Strategy, Price/Promo/Trade Rate Development and product development.

RELATED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Willing to travel 20-30 % of the time throughout Canada and the USA
- Excellent written and oral communication and interpersonal skills
- Must be a team player and able to work autonomously
- Highly self-motivated
- Strong understanding of Nielsen and movement data is an asset
- Must make most efficient use of company's resources for conducting business
- Strong persuasive writing and oral communication skills
- Understand all elements of a profit and loss statement
- Excellent organizational and time management skills
- Proven track record of sales success
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft applications including Outlook, Excel, Word, etc.