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Senior Network Communications Advisor

Strategic Technology Advisory. Network Modernisation and Architecture

Location: Canberra, ACT

Security Clearance: Current NV1 or higher

Engagement: Contract

Anticipated Commencement: November 2026

Initial Contract: Until 30 June 2027

Extension Options: Two potential six-month extensions

About the Opportunity

We are seeking a highly experienced **Senior Network Communications Advisor** to provide strategic advice, technical assurance and specialist expertise within a complex, security-sensitive ICT environment.

This opportunity is suited to a senior technology professional with extensive experience in enterprise networking, communications architecture and technology transformation.

The successful candidate will help shape future network communications capabilities, evaluate technology options and provide independent, evidence-based recommendations to support strategic planning, investment decisions and modernisation initiatives.

This is predominantly a strategic advisory and assurance role, rather than a hands-on network engineering position.

Key Responsibilities

Network Communications Strategy

- Provide strategic advice on enterprise network communications capabilities and future technology direction.
- Contribute to network modernisation strategies, technology roadmaps and capability planning.
- Evaluate emerging technologies and opportunities for improving network performance, resilience and security.
- Identify risks, dependencies and strategic considerations associated with technology investment.

Architecture and Technology Advisory

- Review and assess enterprise network architectures, technical designs and proposed solutions.
- Evaluate network technologies across traditional, cloud and hybrid environments.
- Provide advice on secure communications, network access and gateway capabilities.
- Assess opportunities involving network automation, orchestration and observability.
- Consider cyber security architecture, Zero Trust principles and network segmentation.

Technical Assurance and Decision Support

- Undertake independent reviews of proposed architectures, strategies and technology approaches.
- Prepare technical assessments, options analyses and recommendations.
- Identify technical risks and provide advice on mitigation strategies.
- Contribute to technology market assessments, sourcing considerations and capability planning.

- Support technical governance and assurance activities.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Engage with senior executives, technical specialists, architects and business stakeholders.
- Facilitate technical discussions, workshops and architecture reviews.
- Prepare executive briefings, technical reports and decision-support documentation.
- Communicate complex technical issues in clear, practical language.

Essential Skills and Experience

Candidates should demonstrate:

- Extensive experience in enterprise network communications and associated technologies.
- Significant experience in senior technical advisory, architecture or strategic consulting roles.
- Demonstrated involvement in major ICT transformation or network modernisation initiatives.
- Strong understanding of enterprise network architecture, communications infrastructure and integration.
- Experience evaluating complex technical options and developing evidence-based recommendations.
- Experience operating within highly regulated, complex or security-sensitive environments.
- Strong analytical, strategic planning and technical assurance capabilities.
- Excellent stakeholder engagement, written communication and executive presentation skills.

- Ability to work independently and provide authoritative technical advice.

Highly Desirable Experience

Experience in one or more of the following areas would be advantageous:

- Secure enterprise communications and network architecture.
- Cloud and hybrid networking.
- Network automation, orchestration and observability.
- Zero Trust and cyber security architecture.
- Technology roadmaps and strategic capability planning.
- Technology sourcing, supplier assessment and market analysis.
- Large-scale government, critical infrastructure or mission-critical ICT environments.

The Ideal Candidate

You will be an experienced network communications professional who combines deep technical understanding with strong strategic judgement.

You will be comfortable reviewing complex architectures, challenging technical assumptions and providing independent advice to senior decision-makers.

You will understand not only how enterprise networks operate, but also how technology choices influence broader organisational capability, security and long-term investment.

Security and Eligibility

Applicants must hold a current Australian Government NV1 security clearance or higher and be able to satisfy relevant security and access requirements.

The role is Canberra-based. Any remote working arrangements will be subject to approval.

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